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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity To Comment on the Applicants for the Hastings (NE) and Missouri Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc. (Hastings) and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by June 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the April 1, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 15724), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Hastings and Missouri areas to submit an application for designation. There were two applicants for the

Hastings area: Hastings and Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Kansas). Hastings applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Hastings area: Bounded on the North by the Nebraska-South Dakota State line east to the mountain-central time zone line;

Bounded on the East by the mountain-central time zone line south to the Nebraska-Kansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Nebraska-Kansas State line west to the Nebraska-Colorado State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Nebraska-Colorado and Nebraska-Wyoming State lines north to the Nebraska-South Dakota State line.

There were three applicants for the Missouri area: Missouri, Kansas, and North Dakota Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (North Dakota). Missouri applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Kansas applied for designation to provide official services in the western portion of the Missouri area: Bounded on the North by the Missouri-Iowa State line east to Highway 65;

Bounded on the East by Highway 65 south to the Missouri-Arkansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Missouri-Arkansas State line west to the Missouri-Kansas State line; and

Bounded on the West by the Missouri-Kansas State line north to the Missouri-Iowa State line.

North Dakota, a designated official grain inspection agency operating in Illinois as Illinois Official Grain Inspection, applied for the eastern portion of the Missouri area: Bounded on the North by the Missouri-Iowa State line from Highway 65 east to the Missouri-Illinois State line;

Bounded on the East by the Missouri-Illinois State line south to the Missouri-Kentucky State line, the Missouri-Kentucky State line south to the Missouri-Tennessee State line, the Missouri-Tennessee State line south to the Missouri-Arkansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Missouri-Arkansas State line west to Highway 65; and

Bounded on the West by Highway 65 north to the Missouri-Iowa State line.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 17, 1999.

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Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Georgia, Schneider (IN), Central Iowa (IA), Montana, Mid-Iowa (IA), and Oregon Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act):

Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia);

Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider);

Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa);

Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana);

Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and

Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon).

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 1999, for Georgia and Schneider, September 1, 1999, for Central Iowa and Montana,