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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-049-1]

Horse Protection Act; List of Designated Qualified Persons

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the general public and the horse industry of the organizations that have a Designated Qualified Person program currently certified by the United States Department of Agriculture. This notice also lists the currently licensed Designated Qualified Persons in each organization.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The practice known as "soring" is a painful procedure used to accentuate a horse's gait in order to enhance its performance in the show ring. In 1970, Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821-1831), referred to below as the Act, to eliminate the practice of soring by prohibiting the showing or selling of sore horses. Exercising its rulemaking authority under the Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces regulations in 9 CFR part 11, referred to below as the regulations, that prohibit devices and methods that might sore horses. In 1979, in response to an amendment to the Act, we established regulations under which show management must, to avoid liability for any sore horses that are shown, appoint

individuals trained to conduct preshow inspections to detect or diagnose sore horses. These individuals, referred to as Designated Qualified Persons (DQP's), are trained and licensed under industry-sponsored DQP programs that we certify and monitor. The requirements for DQP programs and licensing of DQP's are set forth in § 11.7 of the regulations.

Section 11.7 also requires that we publish a current list of horse industry organizations that have certified DQP programs, and a list of licensed DQP's, in the **Federal Register** at least once each year. The list reads as follows:

Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association, P.O. Box 1046, Shelbyville, TN 37162

Licensed DQP's: Joe "Buck" Beard, Earl M. "Marty" Coleman, Danny Ray Davis, Tommy Derryberry, James "Tony" Edwards, Steven L. Johnson, Mac McGee, Boyd Melton, E.W. Murray, Larry Keith Smith, Don Woodson

Kentucky Walking Horse Association, Route 6, Box 11, Manchester, KY 40962

Licensed DQP's: Les W. Acree, Lee Arnold, Jackie Brown, Ray Burton, Eddie Ray Davis, James Floyd, Buddy L. Glasscock, John L. Goldey, James M. Goode, Grover C. Hatton, Bobby W. Helton, J. Scott Helton, Leon Hester, Dave Jividen, Paul Lasure, Ricky McCammon, Alonzo Napier, Rick O'Neal, Curtis Pittman, Ted B. Poland, John Robinson, Donald Todd, Arnold "Sarg" Walker, Johnnie Zeller

Western International Walking Horse Association, 18525 SE 346, Auburn, WA 98092

Licensed DQP's: Larry Corbett, Don Douglas, Ross Fox, Dennis Izzi, Terry Jerke, Joe Nelson, Dave Swingley, Kim Swingley, Kelly Smith, Pat Thacker

Horse Protection Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 1330, Frazier Park, CA 93225

Licensed DQP's: M. Avila, D. Benefield, D. Collins, L. Connelly, J. Hampton, K. Hester, T. Hester, J. Kendig, S. Kolbusz, R. Lauer, A. Miller, L. Mitchell, P. Mitchell, D. Moore, M. Mullrull, C. Pitts, D. Rash, C. Shepherd, J. Singleton, P. Snodgrass, V. Stamper, K. Thompson

Heart of America Walking Horse Association, 1775 DeGraffenreid Place, Nixa, MO 65714

Licensed DPQ's: Bob Blackwell, Jackie Brown, Chad Campbell, Jennifer Campbell, Larry Carriger, Ronnie D. Cousler, William H. Cox, L. Forgey, Lawanda Foust, R. Dewey Foust, Robert Foust, Betty Grooms, Floyd Hampsmire, Jim Hill, Jim Hoffman, Philip Manker, Stephen Mullins, Wendell Pigg, Linda Scrivner, Sonny Scrivner, A. Scott Skopec, Steve Skopec, Charlie Smart, Robert H. Smith, William Stotler, Jerry Williams, John Williams

National Horse Show Commission, P.O. Box 167, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Licensed DQP's: Lonnie D. Adkins, Melanie Allen, Don Bell, Nolan Benton, Ray Cairnes, Ronnie Campbell, Harry Chaffin, John Cordell, Joe L. Cunningham, Sr., Jessie Davis, Jerry Eaton, William Edwards, Anthony Eubanks, Craig Evans, James Fields, Bob Flynn, Kathy Givens, Iry Gladney, Jimmy House, Ralph Lakes, Larry R. Landreth, Malcolm G. Luttrell, Earl Melton, Andy Messick, Lonnie Messick, Richard Messick, Cary C. Myers, Harlan Pennington, Dickey Reece, Ricky D. Rutledge, Vernon Shearer, Ronnie Slack, Virginia Stanley, Ricky L. Statham, J.H. Syrcle, Charles Thomas, Mark Thomas, Steven Thomas, Greg Thomason, Doug Watkins, Tommy Willet, John F. Wilson

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association, Inc., P. O. Box 1027, Ava, MO 65608

Licensed DQP's: Julie Alford, Jack Arnold, Beverly Berry, Frank Bowman, Richard B. Carr, Everett Clamp, Kenneth Cochran, Donnie Daugherty, Rob Eagleburger, Gail Freed, Pat Harris, Deb Heggerston, Mark Landers, Edward L. Lee, Geno Middleton, Jeanie Nichols, David Ogle, Mike Osborn, Gary Pierce, Traci Scott, Danny Sublett, Shawn Sublett, Ken Williams, Lee Yates

National Walking Horse Association, P. O. Box 28, Petersburg, TN 37144

Licensed DQP's: Pat Klabusich, Murrall R. Johnson, Chris McKinney, Jeff Smith, Mike Stanley, Pamela Wisecup

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of August, 1999.

Bobby R. Acord,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Applications for FY 2000 National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Program Description and Solicitation for Applications for Fiscal Year 2000 National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

SUMMARY: Applications are invited for competitive grant awards in