DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[99–04–s]

Designation for the Lincoln (NE), Memphis (TN), Omaha (NE), Jamestown (ND), Sioux City (IA), and Fort Dodge (IA) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln);
Memphis Grain Inspection Service (Memphis);
Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha);
Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown);
Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City); and
A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc. (Tischer).

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2000, for Lincoln, Memphis, and Omaha; July 1, 2000, for Jamestown, Sioux City, and Tischer.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 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 October 1, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 53312), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Lincoln, Memphis, Omaha, Jamestown, Sioux City, and Tischer to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 30, 1999. Lincoln, Memphis, Omaha, Jamestown, Sioux City, and Tischer, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Since these official agencies were the sole applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Lincoln, Memphis, Omaha, Jamestown, Sioux City, and Tischer are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied.

The following organizations are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the October 1, 1999, **Federal Register**.

Official agency	Designation start	Designation end	Telephone
Lincoln	05/01/2000	03/31/2003	402–435–4386
Memphis	05/01/2000	03/31/2003	901–942–3216
Omaha	05/01/2000	03/31/2003	402–341–6739
Jamestown	07/01/2000	03/31/2003	701–252–1290
Sioux City	07/01/2000	03/31/2003	712–255–8073
Tischer	07/01/2000	03/31/2003	515–955–7012

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed above.

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

Dated: February 4, 2000.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[00–01–a]

Opportunity for Designation in the Ohio Valley (IN), Idaho (ID), Lewiston (ID), Utah, Minnesota, and Mississippi Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end in October, November, and December 2000. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by these currently designated agencies:

Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. (Ohio Valley);
Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Idaho);
Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston);
Utah Department of Agriculture (Utah);
Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota); and
Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (Mississippi).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before March 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–3604. Applications and comments may be submitted by FAX on 202–690–2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Ohio Valley	Newburg, IN	11/01/1997	10/31/2000
Idaho	Pocatello, ID	12/01/1997	11/31/2000
Lewiston	Lewiston, ID	12/01/1997	11/31/2000
Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	12/01/1997	11/31/2000
Minnesota	St. Paul, MN	01/01/1997	12/31/2000
Mississippi	Jackson, MS	01/01/1997	12/31/2000

a. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, is assigned to Ohio Valley.

Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox (except the area west of U.S. Route 41 (150) from Sullivan County south to U.S. Route 50), Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties, Indiana.

Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Henderson, Hopkins (west of State Route 109 south of the Western Kentucky Parkway), Logan, Todd, Union, and Webster (west of Alternate U.S. Route 41 and State Route 814) Counties, Kentucky.

Cheatham, Davidson, and Robertson Counties, Tennessee.

b. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Idaho, is assigned to Idaho.

The southern half of the State of Idaho up to the northern boundaries of Adams, Valley, and Lemhi Counties.

c. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Idaho, is assigned to Lewiston.

The northern half of the State of Idaho down to the northern boundaries of Adams, Valley, and Lemhi Counties.

d. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Utah, is assigned to Utah.

e. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Minnesota, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Minnesota.

f. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Mississippi, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Mississippi.

g. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Northeast Indiana.

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and Adams County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E.M.P. Coop, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.'s, area).

2. Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Ohio Valley, Idaho, Lewiston, Utah, Minnesota, and Mississippi, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

DESIGNATION TERMS

Ohio Valley	10/31/2000 to 09/30/2003.
Idaho, Lewiston, and Utah.	11/30/2000 to 09/30/2003.
Minnesota and Mississippi.	12/31/2000 to 09/30/2003.

3. Request for Comments

GIPSA also is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Ohio Valley, Idaho, Lewiston, Utah, Minnesota and Mississippi. Commenters are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning these official agencies including information on the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

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Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Evaluation of the Multiple Response Resolution

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David Phelps, Bureau of the Census, PRED, Mailstop 9200, Washington, DC 20233–0001, (301)457–4142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: