

There will be no pre-registration for this meeting. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Sheila Johnson at (202) 690-6498, fax: (202) 690-6500, or e-mail: Sheila.johnson@fsis.usda.gov as soon as possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The scientific community continues to work with animal agriculture to investigate methods to reduce food safety risks through the use of specific production practices. Although much has been learned about the ecology of biological, chemical, and physical hazards during animal production, there are as of yet no specific production practices addressing biological hazards that consistently and predictably lead to improvement in food safety. Results are promising in some cases, and investigation of those avenues continues. A key point to recognize is that risk reduction interventions that can be expected will arise from those areas under research or from new areas that are added to the research agenda. It is important, therefore, for producers to be aware of the practices being explored, so that they can have input into the process and raise concerns about (1) areas that are not under investigation but that should be, (2) the economic impact of implementing new practices on the farm, and (3) the impact of food safety hazards on the marketability of their products.

To further pursue initiatives related to production practices, FSIS is holding a public meeting on pre-harvest food safety issues and *E. coli* O157:H7. The meeting has three goals.

The first goal is to determine whether interventions available to producers can form the basis for best management practices to reduce the load of *E. coli* O157:H7 in livestock before slaughter. The second goal is to identify promising interventions and determine what steps need to be taken to make the interventions available at the livestock production level. The third goal is to identify which research gaps should be the focus of the research community, including government, academia, and industry.

Based on the input from the conference, and any other information available to the Agency, FSIS will develop materials for producers that address pre-harvest food safety issues and *E. coli* O157:H7 and take other actions that appear to advance its food safety goals.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is

important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the "Constituent Update" page on the FSIS Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/update.htm>. Click on the "Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done in Washington, DC on August 27, 2003.

Garry L. McKee,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2004 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year.

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2004 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$170.00 per license.

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hankin, Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1021 or telephone at (202) 720-9439 or e-mail at Michael.Hankin@fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Import Tariff-Rate Quota Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20-6.37 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff-rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Customs Service.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2004 calendar year.

Notice

In order to establish a fee appropriate to defray the costs of administering the licensing system, the Department of Agriculture has reviewed the costs estimated to be incurred during the 2003 quota year and will base the fee for the 2004 quota year on those costs. The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 2003 has been determined to be \$433,000 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,560. Of the total cost, \$200,000 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system for 2003; \$50,000 represents the total

computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses for 2003; and \$183,000 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, postage, publications, forms, and ADP system contractors.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2004 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$170.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC the 27th day of August, 2003.

Michael Hankin,

Licensing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, September 15, 2003. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the Spring Valley Elementary School in O'Neals, CA. The purpose of the meeting is: review any new RAC proposals, review new Forest Service Region 5 RAC Web site, finalize Madera County RAC mission, clarify voting procedures, discuss how to get voting members to meeting to vote, how to better advertise for RAC projects from the community and discuss participation in the Regional RAC conference.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 15, 2003. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Spring Valley Elementary School, 46655 Road 200, O'Neals, CA 93645.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA, 93643 (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review any new RAC proposals, (2) review new

Forest Service Region 5 RAC Web site, (3) finalize Madera County RAC mission, (4) clarify voting procedures, (5) discuss how to get voting members to meeting to vote, (6) how to better advertise for RAC projects from the community and (7) discuss participation in the Regional RAC conference. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[03-A-W]

Designation of Keokuk (IA) To Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk) to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2003.

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, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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 March 8, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 13875), GIPSA announced the designation of Keokuk to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective May 1, 2001, and ending March 31, 2004. Subsequently, Keokuk asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to perform official weighing to an agency providing official inspection services within a specified geographic area, if such agency is qualified under

section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Keokuk is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Effective August 6, 2003, and terminating March 31, 2004 (the end of Keokuk's designation to provide official inspection services), Keokuk's present designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the September 1, 2000, **Federal Register** (65 FR 53263). Official services may be obtained by contacting Keokuk at 319-524-6482.

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

Donna Reifschneider,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[03-01-SB]

Designation for the Minnesota Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003.

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, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

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 March 3, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 9971), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to