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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL) drafts provisions on labeling applicable to all foods; considers, amends, if necessary, and endorses specific provisions on labeling of draft standards, codes of practice, and guidelines prepared by other Codex committees; studies specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and studies problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions. The Committee is chaired by Canada.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 34th Session of the CCFL will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to the Committee from other Codex bodies.
- Endorsement of labeling provisions of draft commodity standards.
- Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Draft Revised Annex 2, Tables 1 and 3, and

consideration of the process for evaluating substances in Annex 2.

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods Obtained Through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering: Labelling Provisions and Definitions.
- Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients).
- Proposed Draft Definition of Trans-Fatty Acids.
- Discussion Paper on Advertising.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Canadian Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the April 7, 2006 public meeting, draft U.S. positions on these agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 34th Session of CCFL, Dr. Barbara Schneeman, (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 34th Session of the CCFL.

Additional Information

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Done at Washington, DC, on February 23, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05-03-S]

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

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown); Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln); Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth); Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha); and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City).

DATES: Effective Date: April 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Deputy Director, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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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 September 1, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 52070), GIPSA asked

persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 3, 2005.

Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, Omaha, and Sioux City were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA

did not ask for additional comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, Omaha, and Sioux City are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the September 1, 2005, **Federal Register**, for

which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective April 1, 2006, and terminate March 31, 2009, for Jamestown, Lincoln, and Sioux City. Midsouth and Omaha are designated for 12 months only, effective April 1, 2006, and terminating March 31, 2007. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation term
Jamestown	Jamestown, ND; 701-252-1290	04/01/06-03/31/09
Lincoln	Lincoln, NE; 402-435-4386	04/01/06-03/31/09
Midsouth	Memphis, TN; 901-942-3216; Additional location: Stoneville, MS, North Little Rock, AR.	04/01/06-03/31/07
Omaha	Omaha, NE; 402-341-6739	04/01/06-03/31/07
Sioux City	Sioux City, IA; 712-255-8073	04/01/06-03/31/09

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

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Administrator, *Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration*.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[06-IN-A]

Purchase of Schneider (IN) and Amendment to the Champaign (IL) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) designated Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider), to provide domestic official inspection services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act). Schneider's designation terminates June 30, 2006, therefore, GIPSA asked interested persons to submit an application for designation in the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 72104).

However, Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), a currently designated agency providing official inspection services, is purchasing Schneider. Subsequently, GIPSA is not proceeding further with the request for applications for designation in the Lake Village, Indiana, area, which is currently designated to Schneider. The designation of Champaign has been

amended to include this geographic area.

DATES: Effective date April 1, 2006

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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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the 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. GIPSA designated Schneider, headquarters in Lake Village, Indiana, to provide official inspection services under the Act effective July 1, 2005, and terminating June 30, 2006.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies will end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. Schneider's designation ends June 30, 2006, according to the Act. In the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 72104), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by Schneider to submit an application for designation. However, Champaign advised GIPSA that they are purchasing Schneider. Accordingly, GIPSA is not proceeding further with the request for applications for designation published in the December 1, 2005, **Federal Register**. GIPSA is amending Champaign's designation due

to the purchase of the formerly designated Schneider.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, will now be assigned to Champaign.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan:

Champaign's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's former area which are serviced by GIPSA.

Effective April 1, 2006, Champaign's present geographic area is amended to include part of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Champaign's current designation to provide official inspection services terminates March 31, 2007. Official services may be