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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Certification of Alabama, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin To Provide Official Services at Export Port Locations Under a Delegation; Cancellation of South Carolina's Delegation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the certification of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI); Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA); and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP) to provide official inspection services at export port locations, under delegated authority of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. AMS is also announcing the cancellation of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's (SCDA) delegation.

DATES: Effective January 27, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sophie Parker, Deputy Director, Quality Assurance and Compliance Division, Federal Grain Inspection Service, AMS, USDA; phone: (202) 720–9170; or email FGISQACD@usda.gov. If you would like to view the comments, please contact us at FGISQACD@usda.gov (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USGSA, at Section 7(e) (7 U.S.C. 79(e)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to certify, every five years, that each State agency with a delegation of authority is meeting the criteria

described for carrying out inspections on behalf of the Secretary. This certification process includes: (1) Publishing, in the **Federal Register**, a notice of intent to certify a State agency and provide a 30-day period for public comment; (2) evaluating the public comments received; and (3) conducting an investigation to determine whether the State agency is qualified. Findings must be based on public comments received and investigation conducted. Once concluded, USDA must publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing whether the certification has been granted, describing the basis on which the Secretary made the decision.

In the April 17, 2017; April 5, 2018; July 3, 2017; August 24, 2016; and April 17, 2017, editions of the **Federal Register** (82 FR 18101; 83 FR 14622; 82 FR 30819; 81 FR 57886; and 82 FR 18099), the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), requested comments separately on the quality of services provided by the delegated State agencies ADAI, VDACS, WSDA, WDATCP, and SCDA, respectively. Comments for each State agency were due 30 days from the respective publication dates.

FGIS received one comment in support of ADAI, VDACS, WDATCP, and SCDA maintaining their statuses as delegated State agencies under the USGSA. FGIS also received one comment supporting WSDA maintaining its status as a delegated State agency under the USGSA with certain contingencies. This comment's proposed contingencies included: A prohibition on political influence over inspection decisions, requiring expedited service from FGIS when a delegated State agency is unable to perform services, improving processes for substitution of FGIS inspections, and improving the delegation documents. FGIS has updated the delegations in a manner that FGIS believes addresses many of the concerns this comment has raised, including providing how FGIS would assume inspection responsibility when a delegated State agency is unable to provide service, adopting uniform and time-limited delegation documents, and clarifying the relative responsibilities of FGIS and the delegated State agencies.

In compliance with the USGSA section 7, AMS conducted additional

research to confirm whether ADAI, VDACS, WDATCP, or WSDA was under any investigation by the Department of Justice or Government Accountability Office that could disqualify them from being delegated authority under the USGSA. There were no findings to disqualify these agencies from consideration. AMS also assessed whether any negative legal opinions or decisions had been rendered against the agencies by the States' Attorneys General; nothing was found to disqualify the State agencies from the delegation process.

Compliance reviews were conducted to assess the performance of WDATCP, VDACS, ADAI and WSDA. For WDATCP, the review was a follow-up for a review conducted the year prior, during which performance concerns were uncovered; by the time the second review was conducted, these concerns had been resolved. The VDACS, ADAI and WSDA all performed well during their compliance reviews. AMS found all four State agencies compliant with the requirements.

AMS did not conduct the same level of evaluation for SCDA. In reviewing eligibility criteria against the State of South Carolina's current infrastructure, AMS acknowledges that the State of South Carolina no longer has any operable, bulk-grain export port facilities. Accordingly, AMS is not certifying the extension of SCDA's delegation. By way of this notice, SCDA's delegation is canceled. If any grain export port facility were to open in the future within the State of South Carolina, SCDA would have the opportunity to become delegated again.

With respect to ADAI, VDACS, WSDA, and WDATCP, after reviewing the comments and delegation criteria in section 7(e) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(e)), AMS has determined that ADAI, VDACS, WSDA, and WDATCP are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on April 17, 2017; April 5, 2018; July 3, 2017; and August 24, 2016, respectively. As a result, AMS is certifying their delegation to provide official services at export port locations.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these State agencies at the following telephone numbers:

| State agency | Headquarters location and telephone |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Alabama | Montgomery, AL, (334) 240-7231. |
| Virginia | Richmond, VA, (804) 786-3501. |
| Washington | Olympia, WA, (360) 902-1888. |
| Wisconsin | Madison, WI, (608) 224-4922. |

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received

petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[12/11/2020 through 12/18/2020]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Prime Photonics, LC | 1116 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060. | 12/14/2020 | The firm manufactures optical sensors and measuring instruments. |
| Rand Manufacturing Network, Inc. | 840 Tanglewood Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090. | 12/17/2020 | The firm manufactures plastic washers and miscellaneous plastic parts. |

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Bryan Borlik,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-469-818]

Ripe Olives From Spain: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on ripe olives from Spain. Commerce preliminarily determines that exporters/producers of ripe olives from Spain received countervailable subsidies during the period of review, November 28, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable December 28, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Kolberg, Dusten Hom, or William Langley, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1785, (202) 482-5075, (202) 482-3861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 7, 2019, Commerce published the notice of initiation of an administrative review of the CVD order on ripe olives from Spain.¹ On April 24, 2020, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative reviews by 50 days.² On May 26, 2020, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review by 120 days.³ On July 21, 2020, Commerce tolled deadlines for preliminary and final results in administrative reviews by an additional 60 days.⁴ Accordingly, the deadline for the preliminary results of this review was postponed to December 18, 2020.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁵ A list of topics

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 53411 (October 7, 2019).

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews in Response to Operational Adjustments due to COVID-19," dated April 24, 2020.

³ See Memorandum, "Ripe Olives from Spain: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of 2017-2018 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated May 26, 2020.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews," dated July 21, 2020.

⁵ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2017-2018 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Ripe Olives from Spain," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).