

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort), will end February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Indianapolis Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis), will end March 31, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Frankfort and Indianapolis areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications 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 will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 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 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 Frankfort, main office located in Frankfort, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on March 1, 1995. GIPSA designated Indianapolis, main office located in Indianapolis, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on April 1, 1995.

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. The designation of Frankfort ends on February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of

Indianapolis ends on March 31, 1998, according to the Act.

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

Bounded on the North by the northern Fulton County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Fulton County line south to State Route 19; State Route 19 south to State Route 114; State Route 114 southeast to the eastern Fulton and Miami County lines; the northern Grant County line east to County Highway 900E; County Highway 900E south to State Route 18; State Route 18 east to the Grant County line; the eastern and southern Grant County lines; the eastern Tipton County line; the eastern Hamilton County line south to State Route 32;

Bounded on the South by State Route 32 west to the Boone County line; the eastern and southern Boone County lines; the southern Montgomery County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western and northern Montgomery County lines; the western Clinton County line; the western Carroll County line north to State Route 25; State Route 25 northeast to Cass County; the western Cass and Fulton County lines.

Frankfort's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Frankfort's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.: The Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Buckeye Feed and Supply Company, Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County.

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

Bartholomew; Brown; Hamilton, south of State Route 32; Hancock; Hendricks; Johnson; Madison, west of State Route 13 and south of State Route 132; Marion; Monroe; Morgan; and Shelby Counties.

Interested persons, including Frankfort and Indianapolis, 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. Designation in the Frankfort area is for the period beginning March 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. Designation in the Indianapolis area is for the period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the

Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications 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 AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Minnesota Area**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic area currently assigned to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 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 June 30, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 35147), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Minnesota to submit an application for designation. There were three applicants: Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Filmore, Goodhue, Houston,

Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona; Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire Minnesota area; Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicants. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of these applicants. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicants written notification of the decision.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Minot (ND), Southern Illinois (IL), and Tri-State (OH) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. (Minot), Southern Illinois Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Southern Illinois), and Tri-State Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Tri-State), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 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 April 1, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 15456), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by April 30, 1997. Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State were the only applicants for the respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

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 Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 2000, Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the April 1, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Minot at 701-838-1734, Southern Illinois at 618-632-1921, and Tri-State at 513-251-6571.

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

Dated: August 14, 1997

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Department of Interior, National Park Service, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, that a meeting of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Monday Sept. 29 1997.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist

federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene at 7:00 PM in the Function Room at the Millbury Senior Center, 1 River Street, Millbury, MA for the following reasons:

1. Vote on 10 year plan
2. Budget for FY98

It is anticipated that about twenty people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Susan K. Moore, Executive Director, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel.: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Susan K. Moore, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

Susan K. Moore,

Executive Director BRVNHCC.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee will be held on October 7, 1997. The meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Conference Room on the sixth floor at the office of Milliken & Company, 1045 6th Avenue, New York, New York.

The Committee provides advice and guidance to Department officials on the identification and surmounting of barriers to the expansion of textile exports, and on methods of encouraging textile firms to participate in export expansion.

The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The meeting will be open to the public with a limited number of seats available. For further information or copies of the minutes, contact William Dawson, (202) 482-5155.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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