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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation Amendment for Kansas To Provide Official Services in the Denver (CO) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s. (Kansas), designation has been amended to include Colorado, and parts of Nebraska and Wyoming.

DATE: Effective on June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. 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 July 21, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 38971), GIPSA announced the designation of Kansas to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective September 1, 1997, and ending August 31, 2000. Subsequently, Kansas asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official services in Colorado and in parts of Nebraska and Wyoming, due to the purchase of the formerly designated corporation, Denver Grain Inspection. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to perform official 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 Kansas is qualified. GIPSA is announcing the change in Kansas' assigned geographic area, and that Kansas is the officially designated service provider in Colorado, and in parts of Nebraska and Wyoming. The Kansas designation now includes the following geographic area, in the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming:

The entire State of Colorado.

The entire State of Kansas.

In Nebraska:

Bounded on the North by the northern Scotts Bluff County line; the northern Morrill County line east to Highway 385;

Bounded on the East by Highway 385 south to the northern Cheyenne County line; the northern and eastern Cheyenne County lines; the northern and eastern Deuel County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Kimball, Banner, and Scotts Bluff County lines.

In Wyoming:

Goshen, Laramie, and Platte Counties.

Kansas' assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Kansas' area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc.: Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska.

Effective June 1, 1998, and terminating August 31, 2000 (the end of Kansas' designation to provide official inspection services), Kansas' present geographic area is amended to include Colorado, and parts of Nebraska and Wyoming. Official services may be obtained by contacting Kansas at 913-296-3451.

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

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bear Creek Watershed, Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties, IA and Houston and Fillmore Counties, MN

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Bear Creek Watershed, Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties., Iowa and Houston and Fillmore Counties, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 210 Walnut Street, Suite 693, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-2180, telephone 515/284-4260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are flood control and watershed protection. The planned works of improvement included 52 floodwater retarding dams, land treatment and accelerated technical assistance for land treatment.

The Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Leroy Brown.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dennis J. Pate,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

United States Department of Commerce Complaint of Employment Discrimination; and United States Department of Commerce Complaint of Employment Discrimination for the Decennial Census; Proposed Information Collection

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Kathy Hawker, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room H 7840, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice covers two forms used by the Department of Commerce in collecting information regarding complaints of discrimination. The first form will be used by permanent employees and applicants for employment at the Department of Commerce. The second form is already in use under an OMB emergency approval. It will be used solely by temporary employees and applicants for temporary employment with the Bureau of the Census during its Decennial operations. Both forms will be used for

filing formal complaint of discrimination. Further, both forms allow us to gather reliable data and aids in determining whether the complaint meets all procedural and jurisdictional requirements for acceptance. This determination needs to be done in a timely and efficient manner in order to meet the regulatory time frames established by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC). The forms also provide complainants with an easy to use form that asks for all of the basic information needed in a formal EEO complaint.

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number(s): 0690-0015.

Form Number(s): CD-498A and CD 498.

Type of Review: Regular submission, with change.

Affected Public: Permanent employees and applicants for employment with the Department of Commerce. Temporary employees and applicants for employment with the Bureau of the Census for the Decennial Census.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300 per year for the Departmental Complaint Form and 400 per year for the Decennial Census Form.

Estimated Time Per Response: Both forms take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 350 hours (150 hours for the Departmental Complaint Form and 200 hours for the Decennial Census Form.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).
Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Trademark Processing.

Agency Form Numbers: PTO Forms 1478, 1478(a), 4.8, 4.9, 1553, 1581, 205/209, 4.13a, and 4-17a (existing paper forms and electronic forms).

OMB Approval Number: 0651-0009.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 110,427 hours.

Number of Respondents: 343,698.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The time to respond ranges from 10 to 45 minutes. The existing paper forms take from 15 to 45 minutes, while the electronic forms take from 12 to 18 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051, *et. seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Any individual or business owning a valid trademark or service mark, who use or intend to use their marks in commerce regulable by the U.S. Congress, may apply to by federally register its mark. The mark will remain on the register for ten years; however, the registration can be canceled by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) if the owner does not file an affidavit attesting to the continued use (or excusable non-use) of the mark in commerce between the fifth and sixth years following the issuance of the registration. The registration may be renewed for periods of ten years.

The PTO administers the Trademark Act pursuant to 37 CFR part 2, which contains the rules that implement the Trademark Act. These rules mandate that each register entry contain the mark; the goods and/or services that the mark is used in connection with; identifying ownership information; dates of use; and certain other