

comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternative formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal. The Responsible Official is Karyn L. Wood, Forest Supervisor for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The Responsible Official will document the decision and rationale for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal under 36 CFR Part 215.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

William R. Gast,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation Amendment for Southern Illinois To Provide Official Services in the Alton, Illinois Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the United States Grain Standards Act, we have amended the designation of Southern Illinois Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Southern Illinois), to include the former Alton, Illinois, area.

DATES: Effective on February 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 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 September 2, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 46246), GIPSA announced the designation of Southern Illinois to provide official inspection services under the Act effective October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 2000. Southern Illinois asked GIPSA to amend their geographic area to include the former Alton, Illinois, area, due to the purchase of the designated corporation, Alton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Alton).

Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate an agency to provide 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 Southern Illinois is qualified.

GIPSA announces designation of Southern Illinois to provide official inspection services under the Act, in the former Alton, Illinois, area effective February 2, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000, concurrently with the end of Southern Illinois' current designation.

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

Bounded on the East by the eastern Cumberland County line; the eastern Jasper County line south to State Route 33; State Route 33 east-southeast to the Indiana-Illinois State line; the Indiana-Illinois State line south to the southern Gallatin County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Gallatin, Saline, and Williamson County lines; the southern Jackson County line west to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 northwest to State Route 149; State Route 149 west to State Route 3; State Route 3 northwest to State Route 51; State Route 51 south to the Mississippi River; and

Bounded on the West by the Mississippi River north to the northern Calhoun County line;

Bounded on the North by the northern and eastern Calhoun County lines; the northern and eastern Jersey County lines; the northern Madison County line; the western Montgomery County line north to a point on this line that intersects with a straight line, from the junction of State Route 111 and the northern Macoupin County line to the junction of Interstate 55 and State Route 16 (in Montgomery County); from this

point southeast along the straight line to the junction of Interstate 55 and State Route 16; State Route 16 east-northeast to a point approximately 1 mile northeast of Irving; a straight line from this point to the northern Fayette County line; the northern Fayette, Effingham, and Cumberland County lines.

Effective February 2, 1999, Southern Illinois' present geographic area is amended to include the area formerly assigned to Alton. Southern Illinois' designation to provide official inspection services ends September 30, 2000. Official services may be obtained by contacting Southern Illinois at 618-632-1921.

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

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

The Director's Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

February 5, 1999.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(a)(2) (1996), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) announces the following Advisory Committee meetings:

Name: The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC).

Dates and Places: February 22-23, 1999, State Department Building, 320 21st Street, NW., Room 5930, Washington, DC 20451; February 24, 1999, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; March 11-12, 1999, State Department Building, 320 21st Street, NW., Room 5930, Washington, DC 20451.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Director's Advisory Committee, Room 5844, Washington, DC 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory Committee: To advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency with respect to scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding negotiations such as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Convention on Conventional Weapons. Members will also be briefed on issues regarding the Chemical and Biological

Weapons Conventions. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA and Livermore Laboratory personnel. All meetings will be held in Executive Session.

Reasons for Closing: The DirAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized by Executive Order 12,958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and foreign policy.

Authority to Close Meetings: The closing of the meetings is in accordance with a determination by the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency dated February 5, 1999, made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d) (1996).

Notice: This notice is being published less than 15 days before the first meeting because of recent changes in the location of the meetings.

Cathleen Lawrence,
Director of Administration.

Determination to Close Meetings of the Director's Advisory Committee

The Director's Advisory Commission (DirAC) will hold meetings in Washington, D.C., on February 22–23 and March 11–12, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri on February 24, 1999.

The entire agenda of these meetings will be devoted to specific national security policy and arms control issues. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)(1996), I have determined that the meetings may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1). Materials to be discussed at the meetings have been properly classified and are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12,958, 60 FR 19,825 (1995), to be kept secret in the interests of national defense and foreign policy.

This notice is being published less than 15 days before the first meeting day, because of recent changes in the location of the meetings.

John D. Holum,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Fresh Cut Flowers From Colombia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain fresh cut flowers from Colombia for the period March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value by various companies subject to this review. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between the export price or constructed export price and the normal value. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosa Jeong or Marian Wells, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–3853 or (202) 482–6309, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (“URAA”). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce’s (“the Department’s”) regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

Background

On March 11, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of “Opportunity to Request Administrative Review” with respect to the antidumping duty order on certain fresh cut flowers from Colombia (see 63 FR 11868). We published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of this order on April 21, 1998, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b) (see 63 FR 19709). On September 17, 1998, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we rescinded the administrative review with respect to ten groups of producers

and exporters of the subject merchandise based on withdrawals of the requests for review by the interested parties (see 63 FR 49686). The cash deposit rates for these companies will continue to be the rates established for them in the most recently completed final results. On December 7, 1998, we extended the deadline for these preliminary results until February 10, 1999, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (see 63 FR 67454). From December 8–18, 1998, we verified the responses of four respondents: Falcon Farms de Colombia S.A. (“Falcon Farms”), Flores de la Vega Ltda. (“Vegaflor”), Flores de Serrezuela S.A. (“Serrezuela”), and Flores Silvestres S.A. (“Silvestres”). The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of certain fresh cut flowers from Colombia (standard carnations, miniature (spray) carnations, standard chrysanthemums, and pompon chrysanthemums). These products are currently classifiable under item numbers 0603.10.30.00, 0603.10.70.10, 0603.10.70.20, and 0603.10.70.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”). Although the HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department’s written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Period of Review

The period of review (“POR”) is March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998.

Respondent Selection

Section 777A(c)(2) of the Act provides the Department with the authority to determine margins by limiting its examination to a statistically valid sample of exporters, or exporters accounting for the largest volume of the subject merchandise that can reasonably be examined. This subparagraph is formulated as an exception to the general requirement of the Act that each company for which a review is requested will be individually examined and receive a calculated margin. In this