

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 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 Champaign, main office located in Champaign, Illinois, to provide official inspection services under the Act on June 1, 1995, and Enid, main office located in Enid, Oklahoma, to provide official inspection services under the Act on July 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 Champaign ends on May 31, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Enid ends on June 30, 1998, according to the Act.

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

Bounded on the North by the northern Livingston County line from State Route 47; the eastern Livingston County line to the northern Ford County line; the northern Ford and Iroquois County lines east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line south to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 east to U.S. Route 41;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 41 south to the northern Parke County line; the northern Parke and Putnam County lines; the eastern Putnam, Owen and Greene County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Greene County line; the

southern Sullivan County line west to U.S. Route 41 (150); U.S. Route 41 (150) south to U.S. Route 50; U.S. Route 50 west across the Indiana-Illinois State line to Illinois State Route 33; Illinois State Route 33 north and west to the Western Crawford County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Crawford and Clark County lines; the Southern Coles County line; the western Coles and Douglas County lines; the western Champaign County line north to Interstate 72; Interstate 72 southwest to the Piatt County line; the western Piatt County line; the southern McLean County line west to a point 10 miles west of the western Champaign County line, from this point through Arrowsmith to Pontiac along a straight line running north and south which intersects with State Route 116; State Route 116 east to State Route 47; State Route 47 north to the northern Livingston County line.

The following grain elevators, all in Illinois, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Moultrie Grain Association, Cadwell, Moultrie County; Tabor Grain Company, McLain County F/S, and Pacific Grain Company, all in Farmer City, Dewitt County; and Monticello Grain Company, Monticello, Piatt County (located inside Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

Champaign's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Champaign's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.: Boswell Grain Company, Boswell, Benton County, Indiana; Dunn Grain, Dunn, Benton County, Indiana; York Richland Grain Elevator, Inc., Earl Park, Benton County, Indiana; and Raub Grain Company, Raub, Benton County, Indiana.

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

Adair, Alfalfa, Atoka, Blaine, Bryan, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Cleveland, Coal, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Custer, Delaware, Dewey, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Haskell, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Le Flore, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh, Major, Marshall, Mayes, Murray, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Stephens, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, Washita, Woods, and Woodward Counties.

Interested persons, including Champaign and Enid, 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 Champaign area is for the period beginning June 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001. Designation in the Enid area is for the period beginning July 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 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.*)

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designation for the State of Minnesota

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, 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 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. Applications were due by July 30, 1997. There were three applicants for the Minnesota area: Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Fillmore, Houston, and Winona; Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire Minnesota area; and 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 requested comments on the applicants for the Minnesota area in the September 2, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 46245). Comments were due by October 1, 1997. GIPSA received no comments by the deadline.

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 Minnesota is better able to provide official services in the Minnesota area.

Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Minnesota is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain services by contacting Minnesota at 612-341-7190.

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

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Designation for the State of Mississippi

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (Mississippi) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S,

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 June 30, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 35147), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Mississippi to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 30, 1997. Mississippi, the only applicant for the Mississippi area, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Mississippi was the only applicant for the Mississippi area, 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 Mississippi is able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Mississippi is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Mississippi at 601-947-4095.

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

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

**Title:** Short Supply Regulations—Unprocessed Western Red Cedar.

**Agency Form Number:** None.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0694-0025.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection of information

**Burden:** 36 hours.

**Average Time Per Response:** 25 minutes per response.

**Number of Respondents:** 35 respondents.

**Needs and Uses:** The information is collected as supporting documentation for the export of western red cedar logs. The Export Administration Act's prohibits the export of such logs from State or Federal lands. The information is used for export enforcement purposes to ensure that the logs are being shipped legally.

**Affected Public:** Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Victoria Baecher-Wassmer (202) 395-5871.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

**Title:** Request for Special Priorities Assistance.

**Agency Form Number:** BXA-999.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0694-0057.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection of information.