

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of March 1998.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Cairo (IL), Louisiana, and North Carolina Areas and Request for Comments on the Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina Agencies

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

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 Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo), will end October 31, 1998, according to the Act. The designations of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture (Louisiana), and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina) will end September 30, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina areas to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking for comments on the services provided by Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before April 30, 1998. Comments are due by June 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications and comments 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 and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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 Cairo, main office located in Cairo, Illinois, to provide official inspection services under the Act on November 1, 1995. GIPSA designated Louisiana, main office located in Pineville, Louisiana, and North Carolina, main office located in Raleigh, North Carolina, to provide official inspection services under the Act on October 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 Cairo ends on October 31, 1998, according to the Act. The designations of Louisiana and North Carolina end on September 30, 1998, according to the Act.

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

Randolph County (southwest of State Route 150 from the Mississippi River north to State Route 3); Jackson County (southwest of State Route 3 southeast to State Route 149; State Route 149 east to State Route 13; State Route 13 southeast to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51 south to Union County); and Alexander, Johnson, Hardin, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties, Illinois.

Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg Counties, Kentucky.

Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Montgomery, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley Counties, Tennessee.

Cairo's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevator inside Cairo's area which has been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Memphis Grain and Hay Association: Continental Grain Co., Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Louisiana, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Louisiana.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of North Carolina, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to North Carolina.

Interested persons, including Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina 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 § 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Cairo area is for the period beginning November 1, 1998, and ending October 31, 2001. Designations in the Louisiana and North Carolina areas is for the period beginning October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 2001. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

GIPSA is also publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina official agencies. Commentors are encouraged to submit pertinent data concerning the Cairo, Louisiana, and North Carolina official agencies including information concerning the timeliness, cost, quality, and scope of services provided. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address.

Applications, comments, 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: March 23, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Detroit (MI), Keokuk (IA), and Michigan (MI) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit), Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk), and Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan), to provide official services

under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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 November 3, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 59341), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 2, 1997. Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

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 Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective May 1, 1998, and ending April 30, 2001, Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the November 3, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Detroit at 810-395-2105, Keokuk at 319-524-6482, and Michigan at 616-781-2711.

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

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: April 7, 1998; 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Massey at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

David W. Burke,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Suburban Guns (PTY) Ltd.

Order Denying Permission To Apply for or Use Export Licenses

On July 25, 1997, Suburban Guns (Pty) Ltd. (Suburban Guns) was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York of one count of violating the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (the Act),¹ and one count of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (IEEPA). Specifically, Suburban Guns was convicted of

knowingly and willfully causing to be exported to South Africa numerous firearms designated on the Commerce Control List without obtaining the required validated export licenses from the Department of Commerce.

Section 11(h) of the Act provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,² no person convicted of violating the Act or the IEEPA, or certain other provisions of the United States Code, shall be eligible to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act or the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (1997)) (the Regulations), for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. In addition, any license issued pursuant to the Act in which such a person had any interest at the time of conviction may be revoked.

Pursuant to Section 766.25 and 750.8(a) of the Regulations, upon notification that a person has been convicted of violating the Act or the IEEPA, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, shall determine whether to deny that person permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act or the Regulations, and shall also determine whether to revoke any license previously issued to such a person.

Having received notice of Suburban Guns's conviction for violating the Act and the IEEPA and following consultations with the Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement, I have decided to deny Suburban Guns permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, for a period of 10 years from the date of its conviction. The 10-year period ends on July 25, 2007. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act in which Suburban guns had an interest at the time of its conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby

Ordered

I. Until July 25, 2007, Suburban Guns (Pty) Ltd., 119 Main Road, Plumstead 7800, Cape Town, South Africa, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way, in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 CFR, 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 CFR, 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)), August 14, 1996 (3 CFR 1996 Comp. 298 (1997)), and August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43629, August 15, 1997), continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

² Pursuant to appropriate delegations of authority, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, exercises the authority granted to the Secretary by Section 11(h) of the Act.