

## **GIPSA Proposes Increase in Fees for Official Services**

WASHINGTON, DC (March 27, 1998) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today proposed a 2.9 percent increase in certain fees for official inspection and weighing services performed in the United States under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

The hourly fees covered by this proposal generate revenue to cover the basic salary, benefits, and leave for those employees providing direct service delivery. GIPSA has also identified certain unit fees, for services not performed at an applicant's facility, that contain direct labor costs. This proposal increases those unit fees based on the labor cost of each unit.

According to GIPSA Administrator Jim R. Baker, the proposed increase would generate additional revenue required to recover operational costs created by the approximate 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase to Federal salaries in fiscal year 1998.

The proposal was published in the March 27, 1998 Federal Register. Written comments must be submitted on or before May 26, 1998, to George Wollam, USDA, GIPSA, ART, Stop 3649, Washington, D.C. 20250-3649, e-mail to [gwollam@gipsadc.usda.gov](mailto:gwollam@gipsadc.usda.gov), or FAX to (202) 720-4628.

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