

GIPSA Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 1, 1998) -- USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has announced the following actions on designations to provide official services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended:

- Effective December 1, 1998, and ending November 30, 2001, Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc.; Fostoria Grain Inspection, Inc.; D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc.; and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, are designated to provide official services in their assigned geographic areas.
- Effective September 18, 1998, and ending April 30, 2001, the present geographic area of Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc., was amended to include the geographic area of the former Lima Grain Inspection Service, Inc., which voluntarily canceled its designation July 31, 1998.
- The designations of Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc., and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., will end in May 1999; and those of J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc., and North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc., will end in June 1999. GIPSA will grant new designations effective June 1, 1999 and July 1, 1999, respectively. Interested persons, including the above-named agencies, may apply for the new designations. Persons wishing to apply should contact the Compliance Division at the address/telephone number shown below for forms and information. Applications and comments may be submitted to the address or telecopier number shown below; and must be postmarked or received by telecopier by October 30, 1998.
- GIPSA is seeking comments on the applicants interested in providing services in the Alton Grain Inspection Department (Alton) geographic area. Applications were received from the Alton agency and the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Comments are due by October 31, 1998, and must be submitted in writing to the address shown below. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants.

- and/or comments on the above designation actions must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA-Compliance Division, 1400 Independence Avenue., SW., STOP 3604, Washington, D.C. 20250-3604; or by fax at (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.

For further information on these designation actions, contact Jim Williams at telephone number 202-720-9804 or at FAX number 202-690-2755.

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