

GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 14, 2006) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in Texas.

- Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc. asked GIPSA for a voluntary cancellation of their designation effective April 9, 2006. GIPSA asked for and received three applicants by the closing date. GIPSA is asking for comments on the following applicants for designation to provide official services in the Texas geographic area previously assigned to Global: a company proposing to do business as Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc; a company proposing to do business as InterContinental Grain Inspections, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) North America, Inc.; and South Texas Grain Inspection LLC, a proposed organization being formed by the Corpus Christi Grain Exchange, Inc., to function under a trust. Comments are due by March 29, 2006.

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