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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

Designation for the Northeast Indiana Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Northeast Indiana **Grain Inspection** (Northeast Indiana) 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, 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 August 21, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 44439), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana area, currently assigned to East Indiana **Grain Inspection, Inc.**, to submit an application for designation. There was one applicant: Northeast Indiana **Grain Inspection**, a **proposed** organization to be established by Steve Walker to be located at Hoagland, Indiana, applied for designation to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana region.

In the November 3, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 59340), GIPSA asked for comments on the applicant for the Northeast Indiana region. Comments were due by December 2, 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 Northeast Indiana is able to provide official services in the Northeast Indiana area.

Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Northeast Indiana is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the August 21, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting

Northeast Indiana at 219-639-6390.

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

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,  
Director, Compliance Division.  
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