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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation of Schaal (IA) to provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal), to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), in the Schaal geographic area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 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.

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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 2, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 55697), GIPSA announced the designation of Schaal to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective January 1, 1995, and ending November 30, 1998. Subsequently, Schaal asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to

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perform official weighing to an agency providing official inspection services within a specified geographic area, if such agency is qualified under section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Schaal is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Effective April 1, 1998, and terminating November 30, 1998 (the end of Schaal's designation to provide official inspection services), Schaal's present designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the June 1, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 28570). Official services may be obtained by contacting Schaal at 515-444-3122.

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

Dated: March 30, 1998.

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Director, Compliance Division.
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