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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

Designation Amendment for Michigan To Provide Official Services  
in the Lima (OH) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: The designation of Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.,  
(Michigan), has been amended to include the former Lima Ohio area.

DATE: Effective on September 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance  
Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-  
3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 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 April 1, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 15827), GIPSA  
announced the designation of Michigan to provide official inspection  
services under the Act, effective May 1, 1998, and ending April 30,  
2001. In July 1998, Michigan asked GIPSA to amend their geographic area  
to include the former Lima, Ohio, area, due to the purchase of the  
designated corporation, Lima Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lima).

In the July 16, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 38367), GIPSA  
announced the purchase of the Lima agency by Michigan, effective August  
1, 1998. GIPSA also announced the amendment of Michigan's designation  
to provide official inspection services under the Act, to include the  
former Lima, Ohio, area, effective August 1, 1998. Lima voluntarily  
canceled their designation effective July 31, 1998. Michigan  
subsequently advised GIPSA that the purchase of the Lima agency would  
not be completed. GIPSA, in the August 28, 1998, Federal Register (63  
FR 45995), announced that the sale will not be completed, withdrew the  
amendment as published in the July 16, 1998, Federal Register, and  
asked persons interested in providing official services in the former  
Lima, Ohio, area to submit an application for designation

Michigan subsequently completed the purchase of the Lima agency on  
September 18, 1998. Accordingly, GIPSA is withdrawing its request for  
applications from persons interested in providing services in the  
former Lima, Ohio, area as published in the August 28, 1998, Federal  
Register. GIPSA is announcing the designation of Michigan to provide  
official inspection services under the Act, in the former Lima, Ohio,  
area effective September 18, 1998, and ending April 30, 2001,  
concurrently with the end of Michigan's current designation.

Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to  
designate an agency to perform official 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 Michigan is qualified. GIPSA is announcing the change in

Michigan's assigned geographic area, and that Michigan is the officially designated service provider in the area of Ohio formerly assigned to Lima. The Michigan geographic area, in the States of Michigan and Ohio is:

Bounded on the North by the northern Michigan State line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Michigan State line south and east to State Route 53; State Route 53 south to State Route 46; State Route 46 west to Sheridan Road; Sheridan Road south to Barnes Road; Barnes Road west to State Route 15; State Route 15 south to the Genesee County line; the northern Genesee County line west to the Shiawassee County line; the northern Shiawassee County line west to State Route 52; State Route 52 south to State Route 21; State Route 21 west to Clinton County; the eastern and northern Clinton County lines west to U.S. Route 27; U.S. Route 27 south to U.S. Route 127; U.S. Route 127 south to the Michigan-Ohio State line. In Ohio, the northern State line west to the Williams County line; the eastern Williams County line south to the Defiance County line; the northern and eastern Defiance County lines south to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 northeast to State Route 108; State Route 108 south to Putnam County; the northern and eastern Putnam County lines; the eastern Allen County line; the northern Hardin County line east to U.S. Route 68; U.S. Route 68 south to U.S. Route 47;

Bounded on the South by U.S. Route 47 west-southwest to Interstate 75 (excluding all of Sidney, Ohio); Interstate 75 south to the Shelby County line; the southern and western Shelby County lines; the southern Mercer County line; and

Bounded on the West by the Ohio-Indiana State line from the southern Mercer County line to the northern Williams County line; in Michigan, by the southern Michigan State line west to the Branch County line; the western Branch County line north to the Kalamazoo County line; the southern Kalamazoo and Van Buren County lines west to the Michigan State line; the western Michigan State line north to the northern Michigan State line.

Michigan's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Michigan's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agencies:

1. Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: St. Johns Coop., St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan.
  2. Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection: E.M. P. Grain, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio.
- Effective September 18, 1998, Michigan's present geographic area is amended to include part of Ohio. Michigan's designation to provide official inspection services terminates April 30, 2001. Official services may be

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obtained by contacting Michigan at 616-781-2711.

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

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 Director, Compliance Division.  
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