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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following committee meeting:

Name: Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

Date: November 3-4, 1998.

Place: Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm on November 3; and 8:00 am-11:30 am on November 4, 1998.

Purpose: To provide advice to the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

The agenda includes a review and discussion of the projected impact of biotechnology on grain markets, outlook for grain exports, GIPSA's financial status, reauthorization, geographic restrictions on designated agencies, and program updates.

Public participation will be limited to written statements, unless permission is received from the Committee Chairman to orally address the Committee. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee or submit written statements before or after the meeting, should contact the Administrator, GIPSA, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601, telephone (202) 720-0219 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication of program information or related accommodation should contact Marianne Plaus, telephone (202) 690-3460 or FAX (202) 205-9237.

Dated: October 6, 1998.

James R. Baker,
Administrator.

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