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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the West Sacramento, CA; Frankfort, IN; Indianapolis, IN; and Virginia Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of the following organizations to provide official services

under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA): California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. (California Agri); Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort); Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis); and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia).

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: William A. Ashley, Acting Branch Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William A. Ashley, 202-720-8262 or William.A.Ashley@usda.gov.

READ APPLICATIONS: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the June 1, 2009, Federal Register (74 FR 26199), GIPSA requested applications for

designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by the agencies named above. Applications were due by July 1, 2009.

California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia were the sole applicants for designations to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that California Agri, Frankfort, Indianapolis, and Virginia are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 1, 2009, Federal Register for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services in the specified areas are effective January 1, 2010, and terminate on December 31, 2012.

Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
California Agri	West Sacramento, CA (916-374-9700), Additional Locations: Corcoran and Stockton, CA.	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Frankfort	Frankfort, IN (765-258-3624)	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN (317-899-2337)	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Virginia	Richmond, VA (804-786-0480), Additional Location: Chesapeake, VA	1/1/2010	12/31/2012

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary; however, designations may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

J. Dudley Butler,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0094]

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; Determination of Nonregulated Status for Corn Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to Glyphosate and Acetolactate Synthase-Inhibiting Herbicides

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that a corn line developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, designated as transformation event 98140, which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to glyphosate and acetolactate synthase-inhibiting herbicides, is no longer considered a regulated article

under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by the Pioneer Hi-Bred International in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status, our analysis of other scientific data, and comments received from the public in response to a previous notice announcing the availability of the petition for nonregulated status and its associated environmental assessment. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination and finding of no significant impact.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may read the petition, final environmental assessment, determination, finding of no significant impact, comments we received on our previous notice, and our responses to those comments in our reading room. The reading room is located in room