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Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils

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

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is revising the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils to provide applicants for service with an optional grade designation for pea and lentil certification and to remove the requirement that, in the case of Mixed Dry Peas, the percentage of each class in the mixture be shown on the grade line. These changes will facilitate use of the standards and better reflect current marketing practices.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly A. Whalen at USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Market and Program Analysis Staff, Beacon Facility, STOP 1404, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, Missouri, 64141; telephone (816) 823–4648; fax number (816) 823–4644; e-mail Beverly.A.Whalen@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

GIPSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on April 17, 2007 (72 FR 19169), inviting comments regarding the revision of the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils to provide applicants for service with an optional grade designation for pea and lentil certification and remove the requirement that, for Mixed Dry Peas, the percentage of each class in the mixture be shown on the grade line. The notice provided an opportunity for interested parties to forward written comments to GIPSA until May 17, 2007. Due to a continued high level of interest

in the notice, on February 1, 2008 (73 FR 6112), GIPSA reopened the comment period until April 1, 2008, to provide interested parties with additional time in which to comment.

The U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations; the U.S. Department of Agriculture maintains the standards. The process for developing or revising these standards is specified in the regulations in 7 CFR 868.102, Procedures for establishing and revising grade standards. You may view or print the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils from the GIPSA Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov> or by contacting GIPSA by phone, fax, or e-mail using the information provided above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comment Review

GIPSA received one comment from the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council (USADPLC), a national organization of producers, processors, and exporters of U.S. dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas. The USADPLC comment supported the proposed changes.

Final Action

Accordingly, GIPSA is revising the U.S. Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils to provide applicants for service with an optional grade designation for pea and lentil certification and to remove the requirement that, in the case of Mixed Dry Peas, the percentage of each class in the mixture be shown on the grade line. These changes will facilitate use of the standards and better reflect current marketing practices.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 2 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Thursday,

December 11, 2008. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct SAC orientation and plan future activities.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: (866) 364–7584, conference call access code number 70613090. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and contact name Farella E. Robinson.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Corrine Sanders of the Central Regional Office and TTY/TDD telephone number, by 4 p.m. on December 8, 2008.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by December 8, 2008. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 400 State Avenue, Suite 908, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Comments may be e-mailed to frobinson@usccr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Central Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Central Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, November 14, 2008.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on