

meeting. A public input session will be provided during the meeting and individuals who wish to address the Recreation RAC will have an opportunity at 2 p.m. both days of the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. The Recreation RAC is authorized by the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, which was signed into law by President Bush in December 2004.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Champaign (IL), Detroit (MI), Davenport (IA), Enid (OK), Keokuk (IA), Michigan (MI), Memphis (TN), and Omaha (NE) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA):

Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign); Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit); Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa); Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid); Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk); Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan); Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth); and Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the September 7, 2006 **Federal Register** (71 FR 52761-52764), we requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named

above. Applications were due by October 10, 2006.

Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan, Midsouth and Omaha were the sole applicants for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them, so GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

We evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan and Omaha are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the September 7, 2006 **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective April 1, 2007, and terminate March 31, 2010, for Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan and Omaha. Midsouth is designated for 2 years only, effective April 1, 2007, and terminating March 31, 2009. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start—end
Champaign	Champaign, IL, 217-398-0723; Additional locations: Hoopeston, IL, and Terre Haute, IN.	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Detroit	Emmett, MI, 810-395-2105	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Eastern Iowa	Davenport, IA, 563-322-7140; Additional locations: Dubuque and Muscatine, IA; Gulfport, IL; Milwaukee, WI.	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Enid	Enid, OK, 580-233-1121; Additional location: Catoosa, OK.	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Keokuk	Keokuk, IA, 319-524-6482; Additional location: Havana, IL.	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Michigan	Marshall, MI, 269-781-2711; Additional locations: Cairo, OH, and Carrollton, MI.	4/01/2007-3/31/2010
Midsouth	Memphis, TN, 901-942-3216; Additional locations: Stoneville, MS; North Little Rock, AK.	4/01/2007-3/31/2009
Omaha	Omaha, NE, 402-341-6739	4/01/2007-3/31/2010

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

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Amarillo (TX), Cairo (IL), Corpus Christi (TX), Louisiana, North Carolina, and Belmond (IA) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on September 30, 2007. We are asking

persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. We are also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo); Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo); Intercontinental Grain Inspections, Inc. (Intercontinental); Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Louisiana); North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina); and D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before April 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.
- *Fax:* Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, attention: Karen Guagliardo.
- *E-mail:* Send via electronic mail to Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.
- *Mail:* Send hardcopy to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief,

Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Guagliardo at 202-720-7312, e-mail Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (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)).

Section 7(g) (1) of USGSA provides that designations of official agencies will terminate not later than three years and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of USGSA.

CURRENT DESIGNATIONS BEING ANNOUNCED FOR RENEWAL

Official agency	Main office	Designa- tion start	Designa- tion end
Amarillo	Amarillo, TX	10/01/2004	09/30/ 2007.
Cairo	Cairo, IL	10/01/2004	09/30/ 2007.
Intercontinental	Maumee, OH	04/10/2006	09/30/ 2007.
Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA	10/01/2004	09/30/ 2007.
North Carolina	Raleigh, NC	10/01/2004	09/30/ 2007.
Schaal	Belmond, IA	10/01/2004	09/30/ 2007.

Amarillo

In accordance with Section 7(f) (2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79 (f) (2)) the following geographic area, in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, is assigned to Amarillo:

In Texas:

- Bounded on the North by the Texas-Oklahoma State line to the eastern Clay County line;
- Bounded on the East by the eastern Clay, Archer, Throckmorton, Shackelford, and Callahan County lines;
- Bounded on the South by the southern Callahan, Taylor, and Nolan County lines;
- Bounded on the West by the western Nolan, Fisher, Stonewall, King, and Cottle County lines; the western Childress County line north to U.S. Route 287; U.S. Route 287 northwest to Donley County; the southern Donley and Armstrong County lines west to Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River northwest to State Route 217; State Route 217 west to FM 1062; FM 1062 west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to Oldham County; the southern Oldham County line; the western Oldham, Hartley, and Dallam County lines.

In Oklahoma:

- Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas Counties.

Cairo

In accordance with Section 7(f) (2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79 (f) (2)), the following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee, is assigned to Cairo.

In Illinois:

- Randolph County (southwest of State Route 150 from the Mississippi River north to State Route 3); Jackson County (southwest of State Route 3 southeast to State Route 149; State Route 149 east to State Route 13; State Route 13 southeast to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51 south to Union County); and Alexander, Johnson, Hardin, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties.

In Kentucky:

- Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg Counties.

In Tennessee:

- Benton, Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lake, Montgomery, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley Counties.
- Cairo's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevator inside Cairo's area which has been and will continue to be serviced by

the following official agency: Midsouth Grain Inspection Service: Cargill, Inc., Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee.

Intercontinental

In accordance with Section 7(f) (2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79 (f) (2)), the following geographic area, in the State of Texas, is assigned to Intercontinental.

- Bounded on the north by the northern Young, Jack, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Morris, and Marion County line east to the Texas State line;
- Bounded on the east by the eastern Texas State line south to the southern Texas State line;
- Bounded on the south by the southern Texas State line west to the western Val Verde County line;
- Bounded on the west by the western Val Verde, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, San Saba, Mills, Comanche, Eastland, Stephens, and Young County lines north to the northern Young County line.

- Intercontinental's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Intercontinental's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

Louisiana

In accordance with Section 7(f)(2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), the following geographic area, the entire State of Louisiana, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to Louisiana.

North Carolina

In accordance with Section 7(f)(2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), the following geographic area, the entire State of North Carolina, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to North Carolina.

Schaal

In accordance with Section 7(f)(2) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa and Minnesota, is assigned to Schaal.

In Iowa:

- Bounded on the North by the northern Kossuth County line from U.S. Route 169; the northern Winnebago, Worth, and Mitchell County lines;
- Bounded on the East by the eastern Mitchell County line; the eastern Floyd County line south to B60; B60 west to T64; T64 south to State Route 188; State Route 188 south to C33;
- Bounded on the South by C33 west to T47; T47 north to C23; C23 west to S56; S56 south to C25; C25 west to U.S. Route 65; U.S. Route 65 south to State Route 3; State Route 3 west to S41; S41 south to C55; C55 west to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 southwest to the southern Wright County line; the southern Wright County line west to U.S. Route 69; U.S. Route 69 to C54; C54 west to State Route 17; and
- Bounded on the West by State Route 17 north to the southern Kossuth County line; the Kossuth County line west to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 north to the northern Kossuth County line.

In Minnesota:

- Faribault, Freeborn, and Mower Counties.
- Schaal's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Schaal's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agencies:
 1. Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: Agvantage F.S., Chapin, Franklin County; and Five Star Coop, Rockwell, Cerro Gordo County.
 2. Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company: West Bend Elevator Co., Algona, Kossuth County; Stateline Coop, Burt, Kossuth County; Gold-Eagle, Goldfield, Wright County;

and North Central Coop, Holmes, Wright County.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Amarillo, Cairo, Intercontinental, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal, may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), and 9 CFR 800.196(d) regulations. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2010. To apply for designation, contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

Request for Comments

We are also publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services provided by the Amarillo, Cairo, Intercontinental, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Schaal official agencies. In the designation process, we will consider substantive comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to the Compliance Division at the above address.

In determining which applicant will be designated, we will consider applications, comments, and other available information.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Calculating Interest on Reparation Awards Under the Packers and Stockyards Act**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has changed the method used to calculate interest on reparation awards under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (P&S Act). The P&S Act calculation will be consistent with interest awarded on monetary judgments in Federal courts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Brett Offutt, Director, Policy and Litigation Division, USDA GIPSA, by telephone at (202) 720-7363, or e-mail at S.Brett.Offutt@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Section 308 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 209) makes persons subject to the P&S Act liable to the person or persons injured, when the injury involves the purchase, sale or handling of livestock or the purchase or sale of poultry, or if the injury relates to a poultry growing arrangement or swine production contract, and is caused by violations of the P&S Act or the violation of an order of the Secretary under the P&S Act. Section 309 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 210) sets out procedures for making reparation complaints to the Secretary for actions of stockyard owners, market agencies, or dealers in violation of sections 304, 305, 306, or 307 (7 U.S.C. 204, 205, 207 or 208), or an order of the Secretary under Title III of the P&S Act.

A person may file a reparation complaint with the Secretary under the P&S Act or pursue a claim for award of damages in any district court of the United States of competent jurisdiction. The decision of the Secretary can also be appealed to the Federal district courts.

How will the interest rate be determined?

GIPSA will follow the same procedural statute for assessing interest on money judgments as that used in civil cases recovered in Federal courts, which is found in 28 U.S.C. 1961. Accordingly, the interest rate on all reparation awards ordered under the P&S Act, subsequent to the publication of this notice, will be calculated using an interest rate equal to the weekly average 1-year constant maturity Treasury yield for the calendar week preceding the date of the Order, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release (H.15) for Selected Interest Rates. The interest will be computed daily at that same rate, and compounded annually, until the full payment is received.