

and Plant Health Inspection Service is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation of plants, plant products, plant pests, and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests and noxious weeds into the United States.

The regulations in 7 CFR part 319 prohibit or restrict the importation of certain plants and plant products into the United States to prevent the introduction of plant pests. The regulations contained in "Subpart—Nursery Stock, Plants, Roots, Bulbs, Seeds, and Other Plant Products," 319.37 through 319.37-14 (referred to below as the regulations), restrict, among other things, the importation of living plants, plant parts, seeds, and plant cuttings for propagation.

The regulations include a certification program for articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. imported from countries where the bacterium *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 is known to occur. The requirements of the certification program were designed to ensure that *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 will not be introduced into the United States through the importation of articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. This bacterial strain causes potato brown rot, which causes potatoes to rot through, making them unusable and seriously affecting potato yields.

The certification program requires the collection of information through phytosanitary certificates, trust funds, and compliance agreements.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Importers and foreign national plant protection organizations.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 27.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 37.851851.

Estimated annual number of responses: 1,022.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,022 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 17th day of June 2009.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation in the Northeast Texas Region

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois), d/b/a Lone Star Grain Inspection in Texas, has requested that the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) amend its designation to remove the northeast Texas region from its assigned geographic area. GIPSA is amending Central Illinois' designation and is designating Gulf Country Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf Country) to provide official services in the northeast Texas area.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA or Act) (7 U.S.C. 71-87k) 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.

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for a period not longer than 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary, but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Central Illinois was selected to perform official services in the northeast Texas area effective April 20, 2009 (see 74 FR 17940). Gulf Country also applied for designation in that action. However, on May 18, 2009, Central Illinois requested that its designation be amended to remove the northeast Texas area from its geographic area, the same geographic area that was subject to the previous designation action. Given these circumstances GIPSA, again, evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(1)) and determined that Gulf Country is able to provide official services in the geographic area specified below, effective June 23, 2009. This designation terminates December 31, 2010. The designation of Central Illinois is amended consistent with this action.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area in the State of Texas is assigned to Gulf Country:

- Bounded on the North by the northern Young, Jack, Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Morris, and Marion County lines east to the Texas State line;
- Bounded on the East by the eastern Texas State line south to the southern Shelby County line;
- Bounded on the South by the southern Shelby, Rusk, Smith, Henderson, Navarro, Hill, Bosque, Hamilton, and Mills County lines west to the western Mills county line; and
- Bounded on the West by the western Mills, Comanche, Eastland, Stephens, and Young County lines north to the northern Young County line.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Gulf Country via mail at 6852 Talbot Parkway, Dallas, TX 75232 or phone at 214-500-5212.

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

J. Dudley Butler,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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