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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-056-1]

Horse Protection Act; List of Designated Qualified Persons

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public and the horse industry of the organizations that have a Designated Qualified Person program currently certified by the United States Department of Agriculture and the designated qualified persons currently licensed under each certified organization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert A. Willems, Horse Protection Coordinator, APHIS, Animal Care, Unit 304P, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 716-5544; or e-mail at: ace@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The practice known as "soring" causes a horse to suffer pain in any of its limbs for the purpose of affecting its performance in the show ring. In 1970, Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821-1831), referred to below as the Act, to eliminate the practice of soring by prohibiting the showing, selling, or transporting of sored horses. Exercising its rulemaking authority under the Act, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces regulations in 9 CFR part 11, referred to below as the regulations, that prohibit devices and methods that might sore horses.

In 1979, in response to an amendment to the Act, we established regulations under which show management must, to avoid liability for any sore horses that

are shown, appoint individuals trained to conduct preshow inspections to detect or diagnose sored horses. These individuals, referred to as designated qualified persons (DQP's), are trained and licensed under industry-sponsored DQP programs that we certify and monitor. The requirements for DQP programs and licensing of DQP's are set forth in § 11.7 of the regulations.

Section 11.7 also requires that we publish a current list of horse industry organizations that have certified DQP programs and a list of licensed DQP's in the **Federal Register** at least once each year. The list reads as follows:

Heart of America Walking Horse Association, Route 2, Box 6B, Barry, IL 62312

Licensed DQP's: Calvin Bennett, Chad Campbell, Jennifer Campbell, Ronnie Cansler, Larry Carriger, William Cox, Alton Cureton, Al Forgey, Lawanda Foust, R. Dewey Foust, Robert Foust, Ryan Foust, Fred Gilbany, Billy Grooms, Floyd Hampsmire, Jim Hill, Jim King, Philip Mankin, Stephen Mullins, Scott Skopec, Steve Skopec, Charlie Smart, Robert Smith, Greg Smothers, William Stotler, Jerry Williams, John Williams.

Horse Protection Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 1330, Frazier Park, CA 93225

Licensed DQP's: M. Avila, Donna Benefield, D. Collins, Larry Connelley, J. Hampton, Kathy Hester, Tom Hester, T. Hubbard, Sebastian Kolbusz, Robert Lauer, A. Miller, P. Mitchell, Donna Moore, M. Mullhall, Cherie Pitts, Debbie Rash, Chad Shepherd, J. Singleton, P. Snodgrass, Vernon Stamper, K. Thompson.

Humane Instruction Technocracy, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Monteagle, TN 37356

Licensed DQP's: Randy Adams, Doug Barlow, Cherie Beatty, Jay Kendig, Chris Lynch, Jim Scullin.

Kentucky Walking Horse Association—HIO, 5493 Roseville Road, Glasgow, KY 42141

Licensed DQP's: Les W. Acree, Lee Arnold, Jackie Brown, Ray Burton, Michael Conley, Harold Curry, Eddie Ray Davis, Terry Doyle, James Floyd, John Goldey, James M. Goode, Grover Hatton, Bobby W. Helton, J. Scott Helton, Leon Hester, Dave Jividen, Mike Kluttz, Paul Lasure, Ricky McCammon, Alonzo Napier, Rick O'Neal, Curtis Pittman,

Ted Poland, Donald Todd, Arnold Walker, Johnnie Zeller.

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1027, Ava, MO 65608

Licensed DQP's: Julie Alford, Jack Arnold, Beverly Berry, Richard Carr, Kenneth Cochran, Don Daugherty, Gail Geilenfeldt-Freed, Pat Harris, Deb Heggerston, Mark Landers, Edward Lee, Geno Middleton, Jeanie Nichols, David Ogle, Mike Osborn, Gary Pierce, Danny Sublett, Shawn Sublett, Ken Williams, Lee Yates.

National Horse Show Commission, Inc., P.O. Box 167, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Licensed DQP's: Lonnie D. Adkins, Melanie Allen, Nolan Benton, Ray Cairnes, Ronnie Campbell, Harry Chaffin, John Cordell, Joe L. Cunningham, Sr., Jessie Davis, Jerry Eaton, William Edwards, Anthony Eubanks, Craig Evans, James Fields, Bob Flynn, Kathy Givens, Iry Gladney, Jimmy House, Larry R. Landreth, Malcolm G. Luttrell, Earl Melton, Andy Messick, Lonnie Messick, Richard Messick, Cary C. Myers, Harlan Pennington, Dickey Reece, Ricky D. Rutledge, Vernon Shearer, Ronnie Slack, Virginia Stanley, Ricky L. Statham, Charles Thomas, Mark Thomas, Greg Thomason, John F. Wilson.

National Walking Horse Association, P.O. Box 28, Petersburg, TN 37144

Licensed DQP's: Don Bell, Jim Chipman, Murrel R. Johnson, Pat Klabusich, Ralph Lakes, Jeff Smith, Mike Stanley, Pamela Wisecup.

Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, P.O. Box 1046, Shelbyville, TN 37162

Licensed DQP's: Joe "Buck" Beard, Earl M. "Marty" Coleman, Danny Ray Davis, Tommy Derryberry, James "Tony" Edwards, Steven L. Johnson, Mac McGee, Boyd Melton, E. W. Murray, Rickey Phipps, Russell Phipps, Larry "Keith" Smith, Don Woodson.

Western International Walking Horse Association, P.O. Box 2075, Wilsonville, OR 97070-2075

Licensed DQP's: Larry Corbett, Don Douglass, Ross Fox, Dennis Izzi, Terry Jerke, Joe Nelson, Dave Swingley, Kim Swingley, Kelly Smith, Pat Thacker.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of June 2000.

William R. DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-018N]

Nominations for Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF). Nominations for membership are being sought from individuals with scientific expertise in the fields of Epidemiology, Food Technology, Microbiology (food, clinical, and predictive), Risk Assessment, Infectious Disease, and Biostatistics. Persons from the government, industry, academia, and consumer advocacy groups are invited to submit nominations. This notice also informs members of the public as to how they may receive copies of the weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which provides information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other relevant information.

DATES: The Nominee's typed resume or curriculum vitae must be postmarked no later than July 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Jacque Knight, Advisory Committee Specialist, USDA, FSIS, Room 341-E JMW Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jacque Knight, Advisory Committee Specialist, at the above address or by telephone 202-720-3523 or FAX 202-720-3192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in April 1988, as a result of a recommendation by a 1985 report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Food Protection,

Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods." The current Charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS homepage at www.fsis.usda.gov.

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services concerning the development of microbiological criteria by which the safety and wholesomeness of food can be assessed. For example, the Committee assists in the development of criteria for microorganisms that indicate whether food has been processed using good manufacturing practices.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Because of the complexity of the issues to be addressed, it is anticipated that the full Committee will meet more than once each year, and the subcommittees will meet as deemed necessary by the chairperson. There is a minimum two-year commitment to the advisory committee. Participation may require members to work outside of scheduled committee and subcommittee meetings and may require written documents to be prepared. Committee members serve without payment, however, they are reimbursed for travel and receive per diem.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm

groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on: June 16, 2000.

Thomas J. Billy,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Transfer of Jurisdiction

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Transfer of jurisdiction of certain lands within the boundaries of the Uinta National Forest to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

SUMMARY: On March 16, 1999, Shellie Nall, General Supply Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, signed three Property Vouchers transferring jurisdiction of 315 acres of land within the Ashley National Forest, and 1,852.48 acres of land within the Uinta National Forest to the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

This action is in compliance with Section 6 of the Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-326).

Copies of the Property Vouchers are available for public inspection at the Chief's Office, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Auditors Building, 201 14th Street, SW., at Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, or the Ashley National Forest, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, UT 84078.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

Jack G. Troyer,

Deputy Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, USDA Forest Service, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, (801) 625-5605.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.