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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[05-A-W]

Designation of Eastern Iowa To Provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., (Eastern Iowa) to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the March 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 9572), GIPSA announced the designation of Eastern Iowa to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective April 1, 2004, and ending March 31, 2007. Subsequently, Eastern Iowa asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to perform official weighing to an agency providing official inspection services within a specified

geographic area, if such agency is qualified under section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Eastern Iowa is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Effective January 1, 2005, and terminating March 31, 2007 (the end of Eastern Iowa's designation to provide official inspection services), Eastern Iowa's present designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the September 2, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 52178). Official services may be obtained by contacting Eastern Iowa at 563-322-7149.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[04-03-S]

Designation for the Owensboro (KY), Bloomington (IL), Iowa Falls (IA), Minnesota, Fargo (ND), Grand Forks (ND), and Plainview (TX) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act): J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton); Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois); Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa); Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota); North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota); Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Northern Plains); and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the September 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 53404), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 1, 2004.

Barton, Central Illinois, Central Iowa, North Dakota, Northern Plains, and Plainview 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.

There were three applicants for the Minnesota area: Minnesota, and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City), both currently designated official agencies; and Kathleen Duea proposing to do business as Southern Minnesota Grain Inspection (Southern Minnesota). Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them. Sioux City applied for all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine. Southern Minnesota applied for all or part of the area currently assigned to Minnesota, and specified all or part of the following Minnesota Counties: Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Martin, Murray, Nobles, and Watonwan.

GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for providing service in the Minnesota area in the December 1, 2004, **Federal Register** (69 FR 69884). Comments were due by January 3, 2005. GIPSA received one favorable comment supporting Sioux City from a customer in Minnesota.