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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCFA was formed in 2006 from the division of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants. It was established to set or endorse maximum levels for individual food additives; prepare priority lists of food additives for risk assessment by the Joint FAO and WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA); assign functional classes to individual food additives; recommend specifications of identity and purity for food additives for adoption by the Commission; consider methods of analysis for the determination of additives in food; and consider and elaborate standards or codes for related subjects, including the labeling of food additives when sold as such. The Committee is hosted by the People's Republic of China.

**Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting**

The following items on the agenda for the 40th Session of the CCFA will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters Referred to the Committee from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Bodies
- Matters of Interest arising from the FAO, WHO, and the JECFA

- Endorsement or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards

- Consideration of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

- Proposed Draft Revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Use of Flavorings

- Discussion Paper on Guidelines and Principles for the Use of Processing Aids

- International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives

- Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives

- Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by the JECFA

Each item listed above will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the April 21-25, 2008, meeting in Beijing, China. Members of the public may access these documents from <http://www.codexalimentarius.net/current.asp>.

**Public Meeting**

At the March 12, 2008, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be sent electronically to the U.S. Delegate to the CCFA, Dr. Dennis Keefe at [dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dennis.keefe@fda.hhs.gov). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 40th Session of the CCFA.

**Additional Public Notification**

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much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news\\_and\\_events/email\\_subscription/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/). Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on: February 27, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Designation for the Owensboro (KY), Bloomington (IL), Iowa Falls (IA), Casa Grande (AZ), Fargo (ND), Grand Forks (ND), Plainview (TX), and Amarillo (TX) 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): J.W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton); Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois); Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa); Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell Southwest); 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). We are also announcing the amendment of designated geographic areas for California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd. (California Agri) and Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid).

**DATES:** Effective April 1, 2008.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the September 4, 2007, **Federal Register** (72 FR 50654), we requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to the official agencies named above. GIPSA also asked for applicants in the north central Texas region as Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo), requested that GIPSA amend their designation by removing 19 counties from their assigned geographic area. Applications were due by October 4, 2007.

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.

Farwell Southwest applied for part of the area currently assigned to them; Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma

Counties, Arizona. California Agri Inspection Company, Ltd., a currently designated official agency, applied for designation in specific counties designated to Farwell Southwest. California Agri provides service in these California counties through an agreement with Farwell Southwest: Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, San Luis Obispo, Kern, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino.

Plainview and Enid, both currently designated official agencies, applied for designation in specific counties designated to Amarillo. Plainview applied for designation in Cottle, Hardeman, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Foard, and Callahan counties, Texas. Enid applied for designation in Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger counties, Texas.

In the December 3, 2007 **Federal Register** (72 FR 67884), we requested comments on the applications for designation to provide official services

in the geographic areas assigned to Amarillo and Farwell Southwest. Comments were due by January 2, 2008.

GIPSA received no comments.

We evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Barton, California Agri, Central Illinois, Central Iowa, Enid, Farwell Southwest, North Dakota, Northern Plains, and Plainview, are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the September 4, 2007, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective April 1, 2008, and terminate March 31, 2011, for Barton, Central Illinois, Central Iowa, Farwell Southwest, North Dakota, Northern Plains and Plainview. For California Agri and Enid, the designation to provide official services runs concurrently with their present designations. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start-end
Barton	Owensboro, KY, 270-683-0616 Additional Location: Clarksville, IN	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
Central Illinois	Bloomington, IL, 309-827-7121 Additional Location: Pekin, IL	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
Central Iowa	Iowa Falls, IA, 641-648-3467 Additional Location: Des Moines, IA	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
Farwell Southwest	Casa Grande, AZ, 520-421-1027 Additional Location: Brawley, CA	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
North Dakota	Fargo, ND, 701-293-7420 Additional Locations: Ayr, Casselton, Enderlin, Hillsboro, Taylor, and Valley City, ND; and Cahokia, Teutopolis, and Wayne City, IL.	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
Northern Plains	Grand Forks, ND, 701-772-2414 Additional Location: Devil's Lake, ND	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
Plainview	Plainview, TX, 806-293-1364	4/1/2008-3/31/2011
California Agri	West Sacramento, CA, 916-374-9700 Additional Locations: Corcoran and Stockton, CA	1/1/2007-12/31/2009
Enid	Enid, OK, 580-233-1121 Additional Location: Catoosa, OK	4/1/2007-3/31/2010

Section 7(f)(1) of the 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.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Opportunity for Designation in Aberdeen (SD), Decatur (IL), Hastings (NE), Fulton (IL), Missouri, and South Carolina 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, 2008. We are asking persons interested in providing official