

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Alabama, Essex (IL), Springfield (IL), Savage (MN), and Washington 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 December 31, 2008. 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:

- Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama);
- Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee);
- Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield);
- State Grain Inspection, Inc. (State Grain); and
- Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received on or before July 1, 2008.

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

- To apply for designation, go to FGIS online, Web page https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx Select *Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR)*. You need e-authentication and a customer number prior to applying.
- *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 and reading any comments posted online.

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 or Act), 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 | Designation start | Designation end |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama | Montgomery, AL | 1/01/2009 | 12/31/2011. |
| Kankakee | Essex, IL | 1/01/2009 | 12/31/2011. |
| Springfield | Springfield, IL | 1/02/2009 | 12/31/2011. |
| State Grain | Savage, MN | 1/01/2009 | 12/31/2011. |
| Washington | Olympia, WA | 1/01/2009 | 12/31/2011. |

Alabama

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Alabama, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Alabama.

Kankakee

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Illinois, is assigned to Kankakee.

Bounded on the North by the northern Bureau County line; the northern LaSalle and Grundy County lines; the northern Will County line east-southeast to Interstate 57;

Bounded on the East by Interstate 57 south to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 south to the Kankakee County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Kankakee and Grundy County lines; the southern LaSalle County line west to State Route 17; State Route 17 west to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route 51

north to State Route 18; State Route 18 west to State Route 26; State Route 26 south to State Route 116; State Route 116 south to Interstate 74; Interstate 74 west to the western Peoria County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Peoria and Stark County lines; the northern Stark County line east to State Route 40; State Route 40 north to the Bureau County line.

Springfield

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Illinois, is assigned to Springfield.

Bounded on the North by the northern Schuyler, Cass, and Menard County lines; the western Logan County line north to State Route 10; State Route 10 east to the west side of Beason;

Bounded on the East by a straight line from the west side of Beason southwest to Elkhart on Interstate 55; a straight line from Elkhart southeast to

Stonington on State Route 48; a straight line from Stonington southwest to Irving on State Route 16;

Bounded on the South by State Route 16 west to the eastern Macoupin County line; the eastern, southern, and western Macoupin County lines; the southern and western Greene County lines; the southern Pike County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Pike County line west to U.S. route 54; U.S. Route 54 northeast to State Route 107; State Route 107 northeast to State Route 104; State Route 104 east to the western Morgan County line. The western Morgan, Cass, and Schuyler County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: East Lincoln Farmers Grain Co., Lincoln, Logan County (located inside Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc.'s, area).

State Grain

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the State of Minnesota, is assigned to State Grain.

In Minnesota:

Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Carver, Scott, Dakota, Brown, Nicollet, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Watonwan, Blue Earth, Waseca, Steele, Dodge, McLeod, and Sibley Counties.

Washington

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Washington, except those export port locations within the State, is assigned to Washington.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons, including Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain, and Washington, 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 7 CFR 800.196(d) regulations. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2011. 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 Alabama, Kankakee, Springfield, State Grain, and Washington official agencies. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving 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 or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

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

Alan Christian,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Docket 34-2008

Foreign-Trade Zone 222 - Montgomery, AL, Application for Expansion of Manufacturing Authority, Subzone 222A - Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC (Motor Vehicles and Engines)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 222, on behalf of Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC (HMMA), operator of Subzone 222A at the HMMA motor vehicle manufacturing plant in Montgomery, Alabama, requesting an expansion of the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority to include new manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and Section 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on May 21, 2008.

Subzone 222A was approved in 2003 for the manufacture of up to 250,000 light-duty passenger vehicles annually at the HMMA plant (3,300 employees/1,750 acres/2.1 million sq.ft.) in Montgomery (Montgomery County), Alabama (Board Order 1278, 68 FR 35622, 6-16-2003).

The applicant currently requests that the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority be extended to include an additional 350,000 square feet of production area to accommodate new engine production capacity (an additional 120,000 engines annually), which will be added within the existing boundaries of Subzone 222A. The additional engine output will be shipped to the Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (KMMG), assembly plant in West Point, Georgia.

Foreign-origin components that are used in engine production (representing approximately 31% of finished engine value) include: oils, self-adhesive plastic/polyurethane sheets/foil/film/labels, pumps, rubber tubes/hoses, parts of engines, filters, paint, gaskets, fasteners, bearings, belts, locks, half shafts, parts of transmissions, electrical components, wire and cable, and measuring instruments and related parts (duty rate range: free - 8.5%).

Expanded FTZ procedures would continue to exempt HMMA from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On its shipments transferred in-

bond to the KMMG facility (located within FTZ 26), no duties would be paid on the foreign components within the engines until KMMG's finished vehicles are subsequently entered for consumption, at which time the finished automobile duty rate (2.5%) could be applied to the foreign inputs noted above. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures helps to improve the HMMA plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is August 1, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 18, 2008.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above. For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner, at: pierre_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 43-2007)

Foreign-Trade Zone 235 - Lakewood, New Jersey, Application for Expansion, Amendment of Application

Notice is hereby given that the application submitted by the Township of Lakewood, New Jersey, grantee of FTZ 235, requesting authority to expand its existing zone to include additional sites in Cranbury and Jamesburg, New Jersey (72 FR 51406, 9/7/07), has been amended to include two additional sites in Middlesex County.

The proposed sites are located in South Brunswick: *Proposed Site 5* (159 acres) Middlesex Center located at 200 Middlesex Drive (listed in application