

Areas Open for Designation*Georgia*

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the entire State of Georgia, except those export port locations within the State, which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to this official agency.

Montana

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the entire State of Montana is assigned to this official agency.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196(d). Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2014. To apply for designation or for more information, contact Karen W. Guagliardo at the address listed above or visit GIPSA's Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

Request for Comments

We are publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the Georgia and Montana official agencies. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to Karen W. Guagliardo at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicant will be designated.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

J. Dudley Butler,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Designation of Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. To Provide Official Class X Weighing Services**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of Minot Grain Inspection, Inc. to provide official Class X weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA).

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 4, 2011.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Guagliardo, 202–720–8262 or Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA reviewed this action and determined it 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 June 1, 2009, **Federal Register** (74 FR 26188), GIPSA announced the designation of Minot to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective July 1, 2009, and terminating June 30, 2012. Subsequently, Minot requested GIPSA 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 Minot is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area. Minot's present designation is amended to include Class X weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the June 1, 2009, **Federal Register** (74 FR 26188), effective January 4, 2011, and terminating June 30, 2012.

Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary; however, designations may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Designation for the Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; and Decatur, IN Areas**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designation of the following organizations to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA): Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus); Gulf Country Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Gulf Country); and Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (Northeast Indiana).

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2011.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the May 25, 2010, **Federal Register** (75 FR 29310), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by the agencies named above. Applications were due by July 1, 2010.

Columbus, Gulf Country and Northeast Indiana were the sole applicants for designations to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Columbus, Gulf Country and Northeast Indiana are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the May 25, 2010, **Federal Register** for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services in the specified areas are effective January 1, 2011. The designation for Columbus and Northeast Indiana will terminate on December 31, 2013; Gulf Country's designation will terminate on December 31, 2011.