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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Designation of Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. To provide Class X or Class Y Weighing Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 9, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Lathrop, 816–891–0415, or FGIS.QACD@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the August 24, 2016, **Federal Register** (81 FR 57884), GIPSA announced the designation of Fremont to provide official services under the USGSA, effective July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2021. Subsequently, Fremont asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official weighing services. The USGSA authorizes the Secretary 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 7 U.S.C. 79. Under 7 U.S.C. 79(a), GIPSA evaluated information regarding the designation criteria in section 7 U.S.C. 79 and determined that Fremont is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Fremont's designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, effective November 9, 2016, to June 30, 2021. Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Fremont at (402) 721–1270.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71–87k.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Casa Grande, Arizona, Area; Request for Comments on the Official Agency Servicing This Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designation of the official agency listed below will end on March 31, 2017. We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas presently served by this agency to submit an application for designation. In addition, we are asking for comments on the quality of services provided by the following designated agency: Farwell Commodity Grain Services, Inc. (Farwell Southwest).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by February 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications and comments concerning this Notice using any of the following methods:

- *Applying for Designation on the Internet:* Use FGISonline (https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISonline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- *Submit Comments Using the Internet:* Go to [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.

- *Mail, Courier or Hand Delivery:* Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153

- *Fax:* Jacob Thein, 816–872–1257
- *Email:* FGIS.QACD@usda.gov

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(c)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Thein, 816–866–2223 or FGIS.QACD@usda.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 79(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary 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)). Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

Areas Open for Designation

Farwell Southwest

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the States of Arizona and California is assigned to this official agency.

In Arizona

Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties.

In California

Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego Counties. Farwell Southwest's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Farwell Southwest's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

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 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196. Designation in the specified geographic areas in Arizona and California is for the period beginning April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022. To apply for designation or to request more information, contact Jacob Thein at the address listed above.

Request for Comments

We are publishing this Notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the Farwell