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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-20-0010]

#### Designation for the South Carolina Area

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing the designations of D.R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal) and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

**DATES:** January 1, 2020.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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*Read Applications:* If you would like to view the applications, please contact us at [FGISQACD@usda.gov](mailto:FGISQACD@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the June 25, 2019, **Federal Register** (84 FR 29839), AMS requested applications for designation to provide official services in the South Carolina area. Applications were due by July 25, 2019.

The official agencies, South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA), Schaal, and NCDA, applied for designation to provide official services in the South Carolina area. SCDA applied for the entire state of South Carolina; however, withdrew its application on December 11, 2019. Schaal applied for Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Edgefield, Hampton, and Jasper Counties. NCDA applied for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, and Marlboro Counties.

AMS evaluated each application against the designation criteria in section 7(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Schaal and NCDA are qualified to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2019. As such, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) has designated Schaal and NCDA to provide official services in the specified areas of South Carolina, effective January 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Because Schaal and NCDA only requested, in their application, to service a total of twenty counties in South Carolina, twenty-six counties remained unassigned. In order to provide official services to customers throughout the entire state of South Carolina, FGIS has arranged for Schaal and NCDA to provide official services for those counties. Because SCDA withdrew its application to provide official services, this designation has a retroactive effective date as of January 1, 2020.

Schaal's geographic area is amended effective January 1, 2020, as follows:

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the states of Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and South Carolina, is assigned to this official agency:

#### In Georgia

The entire State.

#### In Iowa

Bound on the north by the northern Kossuth County line from U.S. Route 169; the northern Winnebago, Worth, and Mitchell County lines; bound on the east by the eastern Mitchell County line; the eastern Floyd County line south to B60; B60 west to T64; T64 south to State Route 188; State Route 188 south to C33; bound on the south by C33 west to T47; T47 north to C23; C23 west to S56; S56 south to C25; C25 west to U.S. Route 65; U.S. Route 65 south to State Route 3; State Route 3 west to S41; S41 south to C55; C55 west to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 south to the southern Wright County line; the southern Wright County line west to U.S. Route 69; U.S. Route 69 north to C54; C54 west to State Route 17; and bound on the west by State Route 17 north to the southern Kossuth County line; the Kossuth County line west to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 north to the northern Kossuth County line.

#### In Minnesota

Faribault, Freeborn, and Mower Counties.

#### In New Jersey

The entire State.

#### In New York

The entire State, except those export port locations, which are serviced by FGIS.

#### In South Carolina

Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties.

The following grain elevators are not part of this geographic area assignment and are assigned to Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company: Agvantage F.S., Chapin, Franklin County and Five Star Coop, Rockwell, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa; Maxyfield Coop, Algona, Kossuth County; Stateline Coop, Burt, Kossuth County; Gold-Eagle, Goldfield, Wright County; and North Central Coop, Holmes, Wright County, Iowa.

The designation to provide official services in the specified area by Schaal remains effective from October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2021.

NCDA's geographic area is amended effective January 1, 2020, as follows:

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the states of North Carolina and South Carolina, is assigned to this official agency.

#### In North Carolina

The entire State.

#### In South Carolina

Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, and York Counties.

The designation to provide official services in the specified area by NCDA remains effective from October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these agencies at the following telephone numbers:

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start	Designation end
Schaal .....	Belmond, IA, (641) 444-3122 .....	10/1/2016	9/30/2021
NCDA .....	Raleigh, NC, (919) 707-3000 .....	10/1/2016	9/30/2021

Section 7(f) of the 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)).

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

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*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### U.S. Codex Office

[Docket No. USDA-2020-0007]

#### International Standard-Setting Activities

**AGENCY:** Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), in accordance with section 491 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. This notice also provides a list of other standard-setting activities of Codex, including commodity standards, guidelines, codes of practice, and revised texts. This notice, which covers Codex activities during the time periods from June 21, 2019 to May 31, 2020 and June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, seeks comments on standards under consideration and recommendations for new standards.

**ADDRESSES:** The U.S. Codex Office (USCO) invites interested persons to submit their comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at the website for submitting comments.

- *Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.:* Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Trade and

Foreign Agricultural Affairs, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop S4861, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- *Hand- or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or email are to include the Agency name and docket number USDA-2020-0007. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Please state that your comments refer to Codex and, if your comments relate to specific Codex committees, please identify the committee(s) in your comments and submit a copy of your comments to the delegate from that particular committee.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 720-5627 to schedule a time to visit the TFAA Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room S4861, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Mary Frances Lowe, United States Manager for Codex Alimentarius, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Codex Office, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, Washington, DC 20250-3700; Telephone: +1 (202) 205-7760; Fax: +1 (202) 720-3157; Email: [uscodex@usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@usda.gov).

For information pertaining to particular committees, contact the delegate of that committee. A complete list of U.S. delegates and alternate delegates can be found in Attachment 2 of this notice. Documents pertaining to Codex and specific committee agendas are accessible via the internet at <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/en/>. The U.S. Codex Office (USCO) also maintains a website at <http://www.usda.gov/codex>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established on January 1, 1995, as the common international institutional framework for the conduct of trade

relations among its members in matters related to the Uruguay Round Trade Agreements. The WTO is the successor organization to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). United States membership in the WTO was approved and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (Uruguay Round Agreements) was signed into law by the President on December 8, 1994, Public Law 103-465, 108 Stat. 4809. The Uruguay Round Agreements became effective, with respect to the United States, on January 1, 1995. The Uruguay Round Agreements amended the Trade Agreements Act of 1979. Pursuant to section 491 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, the President is required to designate an agency to be "responsible for informing the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization" (19 U.S.C. 2578). The main international standard-setting organizations are Codex, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the International Plant Protection Convention. The President, pursuant to Proclamation No. 6780 of March 23, 1995, (60 FR 15845), designated the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the agency responsible for informing the public of the SPS standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated to the Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs the responsibility to inform the public of the SPS standard-setting activities of Codex. The Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs has, in turn, assigned the responsibility for informing the public of the SPS standard-setting activities of Codex to the U.S. Codex Office (USCO).

Codex was created in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the principal international organization for establishing standards for food. 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, ensure fair practices in the food trade, and promote coordination of food standards work undertaken by