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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Pub. L. 480, Title I program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 4, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie B. Delaplane, Director, P.L. 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone: (202) 720-3664.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Declaration of Sale, Form FAS-359.

*OMB Number:* 0551-0009.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* December 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, (Pub. L. 480) authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities on concessional credit terms. 7 U.S.C. 1701 et seq. Commodity suppliers must report details of sales for price approval. Form FAS-359,

"Declaration of Sale," is the written record, signed by the commodity supplier, of the terms of sale as reported by telephone. When signed for the General Sales Manager, it provides evidence of the USDA price approval required for CCC financing.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden is 15 minutes per response for commodity suppliers reporting details of sales.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 36.25 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

#### Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Connie B. Delaplane, Director, P.L. 480 Operations Division, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4549 South Building, Stop 1033 U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1033. Telephone (202) 720-3664.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC on August 26, 1996.

Christopher E. Goldthwait,  
*General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## Forest Service

### Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on September 17, 1996 at J. Herbert Stone Nursery, Central Point, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:15 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Local area issues presentation; (2) Subcommittee assignments; (3) Riparian reserves and grazing; (4) Implementation monitoring results approval; (5) Presentation on the Applegate AMA Draft Guide; and (6) Public comments.

All Province Advisory committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kurt Austermann, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDI, Medford District, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, Oregon 97504, phone 541-770-2200.

Dated: August 26, 1996.

James T. Gladen,

*Forest Supervisor, Designated Federal Official.*

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## Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

### Opportunity for Designation in the Springfield (IL) Area and the State of Alabama

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act),

provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield), will end March 31, 1997, according to the Act and the designation of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama) will end February 28, 1997, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Springfield and Alabama areas to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined 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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the 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. GIPSA designated Springfield, main office located in Springfield, Illinois, to provide official inspection services under the Act on April 1, 1994, and Alabama, main office located in Mobile, Alabama, to provide official inspection services under the Act on March 1, 1994.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Springfield ends on March 31, 1997, and the designation of Alabama ends on February 28, 1997.

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).

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.

Interested persons, including Springfield, and Alabama, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Springfield geographic area is for the period beginning April 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000. Designation in the Alabama geographic area is for the period beginning March 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

**AUTHORITY:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Neil E. Porter

*Director, Compliance Division*

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## **Designation for the Mid-Iowa (IA) Area and the State of Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA announces the designation of Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa), and Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** October 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This action has been reviewed and determined 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 April 1, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 14289), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Mid-Iowa and Oregon to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by May 1, 1996. Mid-Iowa and Oregon, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire areas currently assigned to them.

Since Mid-Iowa and Oregon were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Mid-Iowa and Oregon are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective October 1, 1996, and ending September 30, 1999, Mid-Iowa and Oregon are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the April 1, 1996, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Mid-Iowa at 319-363-0239 and Oregon at 503-276-0939.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)