

Done at Washington, DC, this 14th day of July, 1997.

B.H. Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Kansas Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Grain Inspection), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, 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 March 5, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 10022), GIPSA announced an Opportunity for Designation in Kansas - Termination of Kansas' Designation, Possible Cancellation of Kansas' Designation, and Requests for Applications for Designation from Persons Interested in Providing Official Services in Kansas. Applications were due by March 31, 1997. There were four applicants: Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc., applied for designation to provide official services in the Kansas counties of Grant, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Stanton, and Stevens; the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department (Kansas) applied for designation to provide official services in the entire Kansas area (the area currently assigned to them); Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Grain Inspection), a proposed organization being formed by the Kansas Grain and Feed Association to function under a trust, that plans to establish its main office in Topeka, Kansas, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire State of Kansas;

and the Missouri Department of Agriculture applied for designation to provide official services in the Kansas counties of Atchison, Doniphan, Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte. Kansas, the currently designated official agency, subsequently withdrew its application.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicants for the Kansas area in the April 14, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 18085). Comments were due by May 13, 1997. GIPSA received 10 comments by the deadline.

The 10 commentors: 8 grain firms currently served by Kansas, 1 financial institution, and 1 grain association, each supported designation of Grain Inspection. These comments were of the view that Grain Inspection would be best able to provide official services.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Grain Inspection is better able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective September 1, 1997, and ending August 31, 2000, Grain Inspection is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the March 5, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Grain Inspection at 913-296-3451.

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

Dated: July 14, 1997

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oklahoma

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oklahoma, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Oklahoma for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Oklahoma to issue a series of new and revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. These new

standards include Channel Vegetation (Code 322); Chiseling and Subsoiling (Code 324); Conservation Crop Rotation (Code 328); Cross Wind Ridges (Code 589A); Cross Wind Stripcropping (Code 489B); Cross Wind Trap Strips (Code 489C); and Herbaceous Wind Barriers (Code 422A). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before August 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Kevin D. Norton, Acting State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 100 USDA, Suite 203, Stillwater, OK 74074-2655. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Oklahoma will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following the period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Oklahoma regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Ronnie L. Clark,

State Conservationist, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to a request from Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative for financing assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) related to the construction of a new operations center in Richland County, South Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and

Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, E-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new operations center is proposed to be located northeast of the town of Irmo, South Carolina, on the northern side of U.S. Highway 176 just east of the Interstate 26/101 Interchange. The size of the proposed site for the new operations center is approximately 6 acres.

The new operations center will consist of a 20,000 square foot office/operations center building, a 20,000 square foot warehouse, a one-acre asphalt outside storage area with concrete pads for electrical equipment and wire storage, a vehicle refueling area including one fuel pump for gasoline and one pump for diesel fuel, two double-walled 10,000 gallon underground fuel storage tanks (one for gasoline and one for diesel fuel) with leak detection and monitoring, a 30 kilowatt standby electric generator with 500 gallon aboveground, diesel fuel storage tank, and parking and paved areas to accommodate 50 employees and visitor vehicles and 10 utility trucks. The facade of the two buildings that make up the office/operations center will be masonry or metal. The majority of the area surrounding the proposed new operations center will not be fenced; however, the outside pole yard will be enclosed by a 7-foot high chain link fence topped with 3 strands of barbed wire.

RUS considered the alternatives of no action and 3 alternative site locations. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve financing assistance for construction of the new operations center. Since RUS believes that Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has a need to expand its operations facility to provide better response times by maintenance and repair crews to the northern part of its service territory and to avoid future overcrowding at its existing headquarters facility located in Lexington, South Carolina, the no action alternative is not considered to be acceptable. The preferred site is considered to be the best location for the new operations center and is currently owned by Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Russ C. Dantzler, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, 254 Longs Pond Road, P.O.

Drawer 669, Lexington, South Carolina 29071-0669, telephone (803) 359-5551.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 59-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone No. 18—San Jose, CA Area Application for Subzone Status Cirrus Logic, Inc. (Integrated Circuits) Fremont, CA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the city of San Jose, California, grantee of FTZ 18, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the integrated circuit distribution facility of Cirrus Logic, Inc., Fremont, California. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 10, 1997.

The Cirrus Logic facility (377,000 sq. ft. on 26 acres, 1,400 employees) is located at 3100 West Warren Ave., Fremont, California, some 15 miles north of San Jose. It is used for storage, inspection, testing, packaging and distribution of silicon wafers (HTSUS 8542.13.8005) and integrated circuits (HTSUS 8542.13.8072), which are used in computers and other electronic products. A portion of the wafers and integrated circuits are shipped to the plant from abroad, and some 60 percent of the products shipped from the plant are exported.

FTZ procedures would exempt the facility from possible Customs duty payments on foreign materials that are exported. On its domestic sales, Cirrus Logic would be able to defer Customs duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. It appears that the main purpose for FTZ procedures is to help the company to implement a more cost-effective system for handling Customs requirements (including a reduced Customs merchandise processing fee).

The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to

investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 19, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 6, 1997).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room
3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue,
NW., Washington, DC 20230
U.S. Department of Commerce, Export
Assistance Center, 5201 Great
American Pkwy. #456, Santa Clara,
CA 95054.

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John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 25—Broward County, Florida; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; CITGO Petroleum Corporation; (Petroleum Product Storage) Broward County, Florida

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Broward County, Florida, grantee of FTZ 25, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the petroleum product storage facility of CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO) (an indirect subsidiary of Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A., the national oil company of Venezuela), located in Broward County, Florida. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 7, 1997.

The CITGO facility (14 acres, 10 tanks/ 590,000 barrel capacity) is located at 801 Southeast 28th Street, Broward County, Florida, south of Fort Lauderdale. The storage facility (7 employees) is currently used for the