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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-044N]

#### National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection will meet to plan Committee activities for FY 1998 and consider three policy issues: (1) interstate shipment of State-inspected product; (2) hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) inspection models; and (3) inspection resource management in a HACCP environment. The third topic includes the issues of inspection coverage at establishments with HACCP systems and overtime, second-shift, and holiday inspection service at such establishments. The Committee also will consider issues to be addressed at future meetings.

All interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee might consider.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 9 and 10, 1997, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on September 11, 1997, from 9 a.m. till 12 noon.

**COMMENTS:** Please send written comments on topics the Committee might consider during FY 1998 to the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Docket Clerk: DOCKET 97-044N, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250. Comments may also be sent by facsimile (202-205-0381). The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the Docket Clerk's office.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10

Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (202) 842-1300.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, contact Michael N. Micchelli at (202) 720-6269, FAX (202) 690-1030, or E-mail Michael.Micchelli@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 12, 1997, the Secretary of Agriculture renewed the charter for the Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to Federal and State meat and poultry inspection programs pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301 (a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA).

The Administrator of FSIS is the chairperson of the Committee. Membership of the Committee is drawn from representatives of consumer groups, producers, processors, and marketers from the meat and poultry industry, and State government officials. The current members of the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection are:

Dr. Deloran M. Allen, Excel Corporation  
Dr. William L. Brown, ABC Research Corporation

Terry Burkhardt, Wisconsin Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection  
Caroline Smith-DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest

Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority  
Carol Tucker Foreman, Safe Food Coalition

Michael J. Gregory, Hudson Foods Inc.  
Dr. Cheryl Hall, Foster Farms, Inc.  
Dr. Margaret Hardin, National Pork Producers

Alan Janzen, Circle Five Feedyards, Inc.

Dr. Daniel E. LaFontaine, South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department

Dr. Dale Morse, New York Office of Public Health; Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association

William Rosser, Texas Department of Public Health

J. Myron Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus Meats  
Dr. David M. Theno, Jr., Foodmaker Inc.

At the public meeting, the Committee will organize itself to study the issues before it. The Committee may decide to form subcommittees to deliberate on specific issues and make recommendations to the whole

Committee and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The three principal topics that the Committee will consider at the meeting are: (1) Interstate shipment of State-inspected product; (2) the development of HACCP-based inspection models; and (3) inspection resource management in a HACCP environment. The third topic concerns, among other matters, establishment reimbursement of FSIS for overtime, second-shift, and holiday inspection service.

For some time after January 26, 1998, when HACCP-based inspection is implemented in large establishments, FSIS will continue assigning as many inspectors per establishment as it does currently. FSIS also will continue charging establishments for second-shift and overtime inspection service on the same basis as at present. However, FSIS realizes that new patterns of inspection coverage will be necessary as inspection task priorities change in establishments operating HACCP systems. From the experience gained in administering HACCP-based inspection, and through public discussions, the Agency expects to develop a policy on inspection coverage of establishments. The Agency expects the Committee's recommendations to weigh heavily in any final decisions on this matter.

In addition to discussion of the major topics identified for this meeting, the Committee will consider issues to be discussed in future meetings.

The meeting is open to the public on a space-available basis. Interested persons will have an opportunity to discuss issues relating to the activities of the committee and may file comments with the Committee in the manner described above in **COMMENTS**.

Done in Washington, DC: August 26, 1997.

**Thomas J. Billy,**

*Administrator, Food Safety Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Opportunity for Designation in the Frankfort (IN) and Indianapolis (IN) Areas

**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 Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc. (Frankfort), will end February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of Indianapolis Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Indianapolis), will end March 31, 1998, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Frankfort and Indianapolis areas to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before October 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Applications may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, 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 Frankfort, main office located in Frankfort, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on March 1, 1995. GIPSA designated Indianapolis, main office located in Indianapolis, Indiana, to provide official services under the Act on April 1, 1995.

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 Frankfort ends on February 28, 1998, according to the Act. The designation of

Indianapolis ends on March 31, 1998, according to the Act.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Frankfort.

Bounded on the North by the northern Fulton County line;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Fulton County line south to State Route 19; State Route 19 south to State Route 114; State Route 114 southeast to the eastern Fulton and Miami County lines; the northern Grant County line east to County Highway 900E; County Highway 900E south to State Route 18; State Route 18 east to the Grant County line; the eastern and southern Grant County lines; the eastern Tipton County line; the eastern Hamilton County line south to State Route 32;

Bounded on the South by State Route 32 west to the Boone County line; the eastern and southern Boone County lines; the southern Montgomery County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western and northern Montgomery County lines; the western Clinton County line; the western Carroll County line north to State Route 25; State Route 25 northeast to Cass County; the western Cass and Fulton County lines.

Frankfort's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Frankfort's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.: The Andersons, Delphi, Carroll County; Buckeye Feed and Supply Company, Leiters Ford, Fulton County; and Cargill, Inc., Linden, Montgomery County.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Indianapolis.

Bartholomew; Brown; Hamilton, south of State Route 32; Hancock; Hendricks; Johnson; Madison, west of State Route 13 and south of State Route 132; Marion; Monroe; Morgan; and Shelby Counties.

Interested persons, including Frankfort and Indianapolis, 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 Frankfort area is for the period beginning March 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. Designation in the Indianapolis area is for the period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending February 29, 2001. 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 14, 1997

**Neil E. Porter**

*Director, Compliance Division*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Minnesota Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic area currently assigned to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota).

**DATES:** Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by October 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above 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.

In the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 35147), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Minnesota to submit an application for designation. There were three applicants: Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Filmore, Goodhue, Houston,