

agency: Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by September 23, 2016.

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>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.

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

- *Fax:* Sharon Lathrop, 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: Sharon Lathrop, 816-891-0415 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

Amarillo

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

In Texas

Armstrong (north of Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River), Carson,

Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith (east of U.S. Route 385), Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hall (east of U.S. Route 287), Harley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall (north of Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River, State Route 217 and FM 1062), Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties.

In Oklahoma

Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas Counties.

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 area, in the States of Texas and Oklahoma, is for the period beginning October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2021. To apply for designation or to request more information, contact Sharon Lathrop 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 Amarillo official agency. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicant. Submit all comments to Sharon Lathrop at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

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

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

[FR Doc. 2016-20178 Filed 8-23-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-KD-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Fargo, ND; Urbana, IL; Sandusky, MI; Davenport, IA; Enid, OK; Keokuk, IA; Marshall, MI; and Omaha, NE Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designations of North Dakota Grain Inspection, Inc. (North Dakota); Champaign Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign); Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit); Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa); Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid); Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk); Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan); and Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* January 1, 2016 and April 1, 2016 (See table below).

ADDRESSES: Sharon Lathrop, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Lathrop, 816-891-0415, Sharon.L.Lathrop@usda.gov or FGIS.QACD@usda.gov.

READ APPLICATIONS: All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the March 29, 2016, **Federal Register** (81 FR 17428), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by North Dakota, Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan, and Omaha. Applications were due by April 28, 2016.

The current official agencies: North Dakota, Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan, and Omaha were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that North Dakota, Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan, and Omaha are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2016. This designation to provide official services in the specified area of North Dakota is effective January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2020. This designation to provide services in the specified areas of Champaign, Detroit, Eastern Iowa, Enid, Keokuk, Michigan, and Omaha is effective April 1, 2016, to March 31, 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 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| North Dakota | Fargo, ND; 701-293-7420 | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2020 |
| Champaign | Urbana, IL; 217-344-9306 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Detroit | Sandusky, MI; 810-404-3786 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Eastern Iowa | Davenport, IA; 563-322-7149 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Enid | Enid, OK; 580-233-1121 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Keokuk | Keokuk, IA; 319-524-6482 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Michigan | Marshall, MI; 269-781-2711 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |
| Omaha | Omaha, NE; 402-341-6739 | 4/1/2016 | 3/31/2021 |

Section 79(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)).

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

[FR Doc. 2016-20164 Filed 8-23-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-KD-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Cedar Rapids, IA; Fremont, NE; State of Maryland; and West Lafayette, IN Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA is announcing the designations of Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont); Maryland Department of Agriculture (Maryland); and Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Titus) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Sharon Lathrop, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Lathrop, 816-891-0415, Sharon.L.Lathrop@usda.gov or FGIS.QACD@usda.gov.

Read Applications: All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the March 29, 2016, **Federal Register** (81 FR 17431), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official

services in the geographic areas presently serviced by Mid-Iowa, Fremont, Maryland, and Titus. Applications were due by April 28, 2016.

The current official agencies: Mid-Iowa, Fremont, Maryland, and Titus were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that Mid-Iowa, Fremont, Maryland, and Titus are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2016. This designation to provide official services in the specified area of Mid-Iowa is effective July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020. This designation to provide official services in the areas of Fremont, Maryland, and Titus is effective July 1, 2016, to June 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 |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mid-Iowa | Cedar Rapids, IA; 319-363-0239 | 7/1/2016 | 6/30/2020 |
| Fremont | Fremont, NE; 402-721-1270 | 7/1/2016 | 6/30/2021 |
| Maryland | Annapolis, MD; 410-841-5769 | 7/1/2016 | 6/30/2021 |
| Titus | West Lafayette, IN; 765-497-2202 | 7/1/2016 | 6/30/2021 |

Section 79(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)).

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

[FR Doc. 2016-20171 Filed 8-23-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-KD-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Opportunity for Designation in Cairo, IL 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 September 30, 2016. 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: Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo).

DATES: Applications and comments must be received by September 23, 2016.

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