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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Los Angeles (CA) and Ohio Valley (IN) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Los Angeles **Grain Inspection Service, Inc.** (Los Angeles), and Ohio Valley **Grain Inspection, Inc.** (Ohio Valley), to provide official services under the United States **Grain Standards Act**, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604 (Room 1647-S), 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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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 14, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 18084), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Los Angeles and Ohio Valley to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by May 30, 1997. Los Angeles and Ohio Valley, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Los Angeles and Ohio Valley were the only applicants for the respective areas, 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 Los Angeles and Ohio Valley are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective November 1, 1997, and ending October 31, 2000, Los Angeles and Ohio Valley are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the April 14, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Los Angeles at 213-721-9216 and Ohio Valley at 812-858-5444.

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

71 et seq.)

Dated: September 17, 1997

Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.
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