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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Idaho (ID), Lewiston (ID), and the State of Utah Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Idaho Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Pocatello), Lewiston Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Lewiston), and the Utah Department of Agriculture (Utah) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 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.

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 2, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 29707), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Pocatello, Lewiston, and Utah to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 1997. Pocatello, Lewiston, and Utah, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Pocatello, Lewiston, and Utah 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 Pocatello, Lewiston, and Utah are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective December 1, 1997, and ending November 30, 2000, Pocatello, Lewiston, and Utah are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 2, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Pocatello at 208-233-8303, Lewiston at 208-746-0451, and Utah at 801-392-2292.

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

Dated: October 24, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.

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