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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for Lima (OH) and the State of Virginia

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

(GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Lima **Grain Inspection**

Service, Inc., and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia) to provide official services under the United States **Grain** Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1998.

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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 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 August 1, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 41335), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Lima and Virginia to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by September 2, 1997. Lima and Virginia, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Lima and Virginia were the only applicants, 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 Lima and Virginia are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective February 1, 1998, and ending January 31, 2001, Virginia is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the August 1, 1997, Federal Register. Effective February 1, 1998, and ending January 31, 1999, Lima is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the August 1, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Lima at 419-223-7866 and Virginia at 757-494-2464.

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

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.

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