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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Detroit (MI), Keokuk (IA), and Michigan (MI)
Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Detroit), Keokuk Grain Inspection Service (Keokuk), and Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

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EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 1998.

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

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 November 3, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 59341), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 2, 1997. Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

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 Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective May 1, 1998, and ending April 30, 2001, Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the November 3, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Detroit at 810-395-2105, Keokuk at 319-524-6482, and Michigan at 616-781-2711.

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

Dated: March 18, 1998.

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Director, Compliance Division.
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