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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Cancellation of Designation Issued to Patricia A. Walker and
Stephen A. Walker d.b.a. Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection and
Opportunity for Designation in the Northeast Indiana Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection (Northeast Indiana), asked
GIPSA to end their designation as soon as possible. GIPSA is asking
persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast
Indiana area to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on
or before January 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M.
Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-
S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
Applications may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application
is submitted by FAX, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original
application. All applications will be made available for public
inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW,
during regular business hours.

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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes the GIPSA Administrator to
designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a
specified area after determining that such applicant is better able
than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA
designated Northeast Indiana, main office located in Hoagland, Indiana,
to provide official inspection services, under the Act on January 1,
1997.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official
agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed
according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of
the Act. The designation of Northeast Indiana is scheduled to end on
December 31, 2000. However, Northeast Indiana asked GIPSA to end its
designation as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic
area, in the State of Indiana, is assigned to Northeast Indiana.

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County
lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and

Adams County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines;
and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E. M. P. Grain, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.'s, area).

Interested persons are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic area specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder.

Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

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Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.
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