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 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Georgia, Schneider (IN),
 Central Iowa (IA), Montana, Mid-Iowa (IA), and Oregon Areas and Request
 for Comments on the Georgia, Schneider, Central Iowa, Montana, Mid-
 Iowa, and Oregon Agencies

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

ACTION: Notice.

 SUMMARY: The designations of the official agencies listed below will
 end in July, August, and September 1999. GIPSA is asking persons
 interested in providing official services in the areas served by these
 agencies to submit an application for designation. GIPSA is also asking
 for comments on the services provided by these currently designated
 agencies:

Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia);
 Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider);
 Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa);
 Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana);
 Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and
 Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon).

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by
 telecopier (FAX) on or before February 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA,
 Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604,
 Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.
 Applications and comments 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 and comments will be made
 available for public inspection at this address located at 1400
 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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 United States Grain Standards Act, as
 amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a
 qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area
 after determining that the applicant is better able than any other
 applicant to provide such official services.

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.

1. Current Designations Being Announced for Renewal.

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Georgia.....	Tifton, GA.....	8/1/1996	7/31/1999
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Schneider.....	Lake Village, IN.....	8/1/1996	7/31/1999
Central Iowa.....	Des Moines, IA.....	9/1/1996	8/31/1999
Montana.....	Great Falls, MT.....	9/1/1996	8/31/1999
Mid-Iowa.....	Cedar Rapids, IA.....	10/1/1996	9/30/1999
Oregon.....	Pendleton, OR.....	10/1/1996	9/30/1999

a. Georgia. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following
 geographic area, the entire State of Georgia, except those export port
 locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to
 Georgia.

b. Schneider. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the
 following geographic area, in the States of Illinois, Indiana, and

Michigan, is assigned to Schneider.

In Illinois and Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Will County line from Interstate 57 east to the Illinois-Indiana State line; the Illinois-Indiana State line north to the northern Lake County line; the northern Lake, Porter, Laporte, St. Joseph, and Elkhart County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern and southern Elkhart County lines; the eastern Marshall County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Marshall and Starke County lines; the eastern Jasper County line south-southwest to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to Indiana State Route 55; Indiana State Route 55 south to the Newton County line; the southern Newton County line west to U.S. Route 41; U.S. Route 41 north to U.S. Route 24; U.S. Route 24 west to the Indiana-Illinois State line; and

Bounded on the West by Indiana-Illinois State line north to Kankakee County; the southern Kankakee County line west to U.S. Route 52; U.S. Route 52 north to Interstate 57; Interstate 57 north to the northern Will County line.

Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties, Michigan.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Cargill, Inc., and Farmers Grain, both in Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana (located inside Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.'s area).

Schneider's assigned geographic area does not include the export port locations inside Schneider's area which are serviced by GIPSA.

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

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 30 east to N44; N44 south to E53; E53 east to U.S. Route 30; U.S. Route 30 east to the Boone County line; the western Boone County line north to E18; E18 east to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 north to the Boone County line; the northern Boone County line; the western Hamilton County line north to U.S. Route 20; U.S. Route 20 east to R38; R38 north to the Hamilton County line; the northern Hamilton County line east to Interstate 35; Interstate 35 northeast to C55; C55 east to S41; S41 north to State Route 3; State Route 3 east to U.S. Route 65; U.S. Route 65 north to C25; C25 east to S56; S56 north to C23; C23 east to T47; T47 south to C33; C33 east to T64; T64 north to B60; B60 east to U.S. Route 218; U.S. Route 218 north to Chickasaw County; the western Chickasaw County line; and the western and northern Howard County lines.

Bounded on the East by the eastern Howard and Chickasaw County lines; the eastern and southern Bremer County lines; V49 south to State Route 297; State Route 297 south to D38; D38 west to State Route 21; State Route 21 south to State Route 8; State Route 8 west to U.S. Route 63; U.S. Route 63 south to Interstate 80; Interstate 80 east to the Poweshiek County line; the eastern Poweshiek, Mahaska, Monroe, and Appanoose County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Appanoose, Wayne, Decatur, Ringgold, and Taylor County lines;

Bounded on the West by the western Taylor County line; the southern Montgomery County line west to State Route 48; State Route 48 north to M47; M47 north to the Montgomery County line; the northern Montgomery County line; the western Cass and Audubon County lines; the northern Audubon County line east to U.S. Route 71; U.S. Route 71 north to U.S. Route 30.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: Farmers Co-op Elevator Company, Chapin, Franklin County; and CENEX Land O'Lakes, Inc., Rockwell, Cerro Gordo County (located inside D. R. Schaal Agency's area).

Central Iowa's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Central Iowa's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agencies:

1. A. V. Tischer and Son, Inc.: Farmers Co-op Elevator, Boxholm, Boone County; and
2. Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.: T&K Evans, Elliot, Montgomery County; and Hemphill Feed & Grain, and Hansen Feed & Grain, both in Griswold, Cass County.

d. Montana. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Montana, is assigned to Montana.

e. Mid-Iowa. Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the State of Iowa, is assigned to Mid-Iowa.

Bounded on the North by the northern Winneshiek and Allamakee County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Allamakee County line; the eastern and southern Clayton County lines; the eastern Buchanan County line; the northern and eastern Jones County lines; the eastern Cedar County line south to State Route 130;

Bounded on the South by State Route 130 west to State Route 38;

