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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation Amendment for Kansas To Provide Official Services in the Denver (CO) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s. (Kansas), designation has been amended to include Colorado, and parts of Nebraska and Wyoming.

DATE: Effective on June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Ave. 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 July 21, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 38971), GIPSA announced the designation of Kansas to provide official inspection services under the Act, effective September 1, 1997, and ending August 31, 2000. Subsequently, Kansas asked GIPSA to amend their designation to include official services in Colorado and in parts of Nebraska and Wyoming, due to the purchase of the formerly designated corporation, Denver Grain Inspection. Section 7A(c)(2) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate authority to perform official services within a specified geographic area, if such agency is qualified under Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information

regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Kansas is qualified. GIPSA is announcing the change in Kansas' assigned geographic area, and that Kansas is the officially designated service provider in Colorado, and in parts of Nebraska and Wyoming. The Kansas designation now includes the following geographic area, in the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming:

The entire State of Colorado.

The entire State of Kansas.

In Nebraska:

Bounded on the North by the northern Scotts Bluff County line; the northern Morrill County line east to Highway 385;

Bounded on the East by Highway 385 south to the northern Cheyenne County line; the northern and eastern Cheyenne County lines; the northern and eastern Deuel County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Kimball, Banner, and Scotts Bluff County lines.

In Wyoming:

Goshen, Laramie, and Platte Counties.

Kansas' assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Kansas' area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Hastings Grain Inspection, Inc.: Farmers Coop, and Big Springs Elevator, both in Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska.

Effective June 1, 1998, and terminating August 31, 2000 (the end of Kansas' designation to provide official inspection services), Kansas' present geographic area is amended to include Colorado, and parts of Nebraska and Wyoming. Official services may be obtained by contacting Kansas at 913-296-3451.

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

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bear Creek Watershed, Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties, IA and Houston and Fillmore Counties, MN

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Bear Creek Watershed, Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties, Iowa and Houston and Fillmore Counties, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leroy Brown, State conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 210 Walnut Street, Suite 693, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309-2180, telephone 515/284-4260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Leroy Brown, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are flood control and watershed protection. The planned works of improvement included 52 floodwater retarding dams, land treatment and accelerated technical assistance for land treatment.

The Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Leroy Brown.