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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

5 CFR Ch. XIV

Regional Offices; Jurisdictional Changes

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority (the Authority and the General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority).

ACTION: Amendment of rules and regulations.

SUMMARY: This document amends the rules and regulations of the Authority and the General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority to provide for changes in the geographical jurisdictions of the seven Regional Directors concerning unfair labor practice charges and representation petitions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clyde B. Blandford, Jr., Director of Operations and Resource Management, at (202) 482-6680, extension 206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 28, 1980, the Authority and the General Counsel published, at 45 FR 3482, January 17, 1980, final rules and regulations to govern the processing of cases by the Authority and the General Counsel under chapter 71 of title 5 of the United States Code. These rules and regulations are required by title VII of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978

and are set forth in 5 CFR Part 2400 *et seq.* (1996).

Appendix A, paragraph (d) of the rules and regulations sets forth the current addresses, telephone and fax numbers of the Regional Offices of the Authority. This paragraph has been updated to reflect the relocation of the Washington, DC Regional Office in December 1998.

Appendix A, paragraph (f) of the rules and regulations sets forth the geographic jurisdictions of the Regional Directors of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. In the best interest of maximizing the resources of the Office of the General Counsel and efficient and effective case processing, the General Counsel is realigning the geographical jurisdictions of the Regional Directors to distribute the caseload, based on a current analysis of case intake and available resources in order to meet the needs of its customers. The resulting change will result in equalizing the work for each regional office employee. The Office of the General Counsel will continue to transfer cases between regions on a recurring basis, as necessary, based on caseload and staffing in order to maximize its resources.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Federal Labor Relations Authority has determined that these regulations, as amended, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, because this rule applies to federal employees, federal agencies, and labor organizations representing federal employees.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule change will not result in the expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more

in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This regulation contains no information collection or record keeping requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*)

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 7134, Appendix A to 5 CFR Chapter XIV is amended by revising paragraph (d)(2) and paragraph (f) to read as follows:

Appendix A to 5 CFR Chapter XIV—Current Addresses and Geographic Jurisdictions

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(d) * * *

(2) Washington, DC Regional Office—Tech World Plaza, 800 K Street, NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20001-1206; telephone: FTS or commercial (202) 482-6700; fax: FTS or commercial (202) 482-6724.

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(f) The geographic jurisdictions of the Regional Directors of the Federal Labor Relations Authority are as follows:

State or other locality	Regional office	State or other locality	Regional office
Alabama	Atlanta	Nebraska	Denver.
Alaska	San Francisco	Nevada	San Francisco.
Arizona	Denver	New Hampshire	Boston.
Arkansas	Dallas	New Jersey	Boston.
California	San Francisco	New Mexico	Dallas.
Colorado	Denver	New York	Boston.
Connecticut	Boston	North Carolina	Washington, DC.
Delaware	Washington, DC	North Dakota	Chicago.
District of Columbia	Washington, DC	Ohio	Chicago.

State or other locality	Regional office	State or other locality	Regional office
Florida	Atlanta	Oklahoma	Dallas.
Georgia	Atlanta	Oregon	San Francisco.
Hawaii and all land and water areas west of the continents of North and South America (except coastal islands) to long. 90 degrees East..	San Francisco	Pennsylvania	Boston.
		Puerto Rico	Boston.
		Rhode Island	Atlanta.
		South Carolina	Denver.
		South Dakota	Chicago.
		Tennessee	
Idaho	San Francisco	Texas	Dallas.
Illinois	Chicago	Utah	Denver.
Indiana	Chicago	Vermont	Boston.
Iowa	Chicago	Virginia	Washington, DC.
Kansas	Denver	Washington	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Chicago	West Virginia	Washington, DC.
Louisiana	Dallas	Wisconsin	Chicago.
Maine	Boston	Wyoming	Denver.
Maryland	Washington, DC	Virgin Islands	Atlanta.
Massachusetts	Boston	Panama/limited FLRA jurisdiction.	Dallas.
Michigan	Chicago.		
Minnesota	Chicago	All land and water areas east of the continents of North and South America to long. 90 degrees E., except the Virgin Islands, Panama (limited FLRA jurisdiction), Puerto Rico and coastal islands.	Washington, DC.
Mississippi	Atlanta..		
Missouri	Denver..		
Montana	Denver..		

(5 U.S.C. 7134)

Dated: December 17, 1998.

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Executive Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

7 CFR Part 800

RIN 0580-AA66

Fees for Official Inspection and Weighing Services

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is increasing fees for certain official inspection and weighing services it performs in the United States under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. This action is needed to recover increased operational costs resulting from the average 3.6 percent January 1999 cost-of-living increase to Federal salaries. The "average 3.6 percent increase" is a combination of a 3.1 percent across-the-board increase and increases in locality pay rates for Federal salaries. An average 3.6 percent increase is implemented for all hourly rates and

certain unit rates on tests performed at both an applicant's facility and other than an applicant's facility. In addition, an average increase of 1.2 percent is implemented to recover the salary and benefits portion of the administrative tonnage fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Wollam, USDA, GIPSA, ART, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 3649, Washington, DC 20250-3649, or telephone (202) 720-0292.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be nonsignificant for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This action is not intended to have a retroactive effect. The USGSA provides in § 87g that no subdivision may require or impose any requirements or restrictions concerning the inspection, weighing, or description of grain under the Act. Otherwise, this rule will not preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies unless they present irreconcilable conflict with this rule. There are no administrative procedures which must be exhausted prior to any judicial challenge to the provisions of this final rule.

Effects on Small Entities

James R. Baker, Administrator, GIPSA, has determined that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Most users of GIPSA inspection and weighing services do not meet the requirements for small entities. GIPSA is required by statute to make services available and to recover costs of providing such services, as nearly as practicable.

These fee revisions are primarily applicable to entities engaged in the export of grain. Under provisions of the USGSA, most grain exported from U.S. export port locations must be officially inspected and weighed. Mandatory inspection and weighing services are provided by GIPSA on a fee basis at 37 export facilities. All of the export facilities are owned and managed by multi-national corporations, large cooperatives, or public entities that do not meet the criteria for small entities as defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the regulations issued thereunder. Some users of the service who request non-mandatory official inspection and weighing services (most of which represent appeals) at other than export locations could be considered small entities. However, these fee increases merely reflect the cost-of-living increases in Federal salaries for hourly, certain unit fees, and