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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Fostoria (OH) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Fostoria **Grain Inspection, Inc.** (Fostoria), to provide official services under the United States **Grain Standards Act**, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, 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 June 2, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 29707), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Fostoria to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 1, 1997. Fostoria, the only applicant, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Fostoria was the only applicant for the area, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicant.

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 Fostoria is able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective December 1, 1997, and ending November 30, 1998, Fostoria is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 2, 1997, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Fostoria at 419-435-3804.

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

Dated: October 24, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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