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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Amarillo (TX), Fostoria (OH), Schaal (IA),
and Wisconsin Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces designation of the following organizations to
provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act,
as amended (Act):
Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo);
Fostoria Grain Inspection, Inc. (Fostoria);
D.R. Schaal Agency, Inc. (Schaal) and;
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
(Wisconsin).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance
Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW,
Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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.

In the June 1, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 29695), GIPSA asked
persons interested in providing official services in the geographic
areas assigned to Amarillo, Fostoria, Schaal, and Wisconsin to submit
an application for designation. Applications were due by June 30, 1998.
Amarillo, Fostoria, Schaal, and Wisconsin, the only applicants, each
applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area
currently assigned to them.

Since Amarillo, Fostoria, Schaal, and Wisconsin were the only
applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

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 Amarillo, Fostoria, Schaal, and Wisconsin
are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which
they applied.

Official agency	Designation start	Designation end
Amarillo.....	12/1/1998	11/30/2001
Fostoria.....	12/1/1998	11/30/2001
Schaal.....	12/1/1998	11/30/2001
Wisconsin.....	12/1/1998	11/30/2001

Effective December 1, 1998, and ending November 30, 2001, Amarillo,

Fostoria, Schaal, and Wisconsin are designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 1, 1998, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Amarillo at 806-372-8511, Fostoria at 419-435-3804, Schaal at 515-444-3122, and Wisconsin at 715-392-7851.

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

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.
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