

regulations, or policies to establish Service-wide administrative procedures, program processes or instructions." Based on consideration of the comments received and the nature and scope of this policy, the Forest Service has determined that this policy falls within this category of actions and that no extraordinary circumstances exist which would require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

This policy does not contain any recordkeeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR 1320 and, therefore, imposes no paperwork burden on the public. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320 do not apply.

Unfunded Mandates Reform

Pursuant to Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, which the President signed into law on March 22, 1995, the Department has assessed the effects of this rule on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. The noxious weed management policy directs only the work of Forest Service employees and does not compel the expenditure of \$100 million or more by any State, local, or tribal governments or anyone in the private sector. Therefore, a statement under section 202 of the act is not required.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

David M. Unger,
Associate Chief.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Comments on the Need for Official Services and Request for Applications for Designation to Provide Official Services in the Lubbock, Texas (TX) Region

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo), has asked GIPSA to amend their designation to remove the Lubbock region from their assigned geographic area. GIPSA is asking for comments on the need for official services in the Lubbock region. GIPSA also is asking persons interested in providing official

services in the Lubbock region to submit an application for designation.

DATE: Applications and comments must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before April 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications or comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, 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, SW., during regular business hours.

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.

Amarillo has asked GIPSA to remove the Lubbock region from their assigned geographic area. The Lubbock region consists of: Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, El Paso, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Scurry, Terry, and Yoakum Counties, Texas, and the parts of Hale and Lamb Counties, Texas, assigned to Amarillo.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA is asking for comments on the need for official services in the Lubbock region (including volume estimates by carrier, type of service, and kind of grain). GIPSA also is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Lubbock region to submit an application for designation. The applicant selected for designation in the Lubbock region will be assigned by GIPSA's Administrator according to section 7(f)(1) of the Act.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to submit comments on the need for official services in the Lubbock region, and to apply for designation to

provide official services in the Lubbock region under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Designation in the Lubbock region is for the period beginning about August 1, 1996, and not to exceed 3 years as prescribed in section 7(g)(1) of the Act. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

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

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Amendment to Notice of Public Meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission announced in the Federal Register, FR Doc 96-2570, 61 FR 4624, published February 7, 1996, will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:30 p.m. on March 28, 1996, at the Radisson Hotel, 4728 Constitution, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. (This amendment is for change of location and time only.)

Persons desiring additional information, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TTY 913-551-1414).

Dated at Washington, DC, March 7, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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