

Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801-5933, 509-662-4335.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Paul Hart,  
*Designated Federal Official, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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### **Yakima Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Yakima PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on April 15, 1996 at the Cle Elum Ranger District Office, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. This meeting will conclude discussion of the ten key issues addressed by the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area Environmental Impact Statement. If time allows, further discussion of management of dry eastside forest ecosystem will occur. All Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801-5933, 509-662-4335.

Dated: March 11, 1996.

Paul Hart,  
*Designated Federal Official, Wenatchee National Forest.*

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### **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

#### **Opportunity for Designation in the Mid-Iowa (IA) Area and the State of Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency

designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designations of Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa), and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (Oregon) will end September 30, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Mid-Iowa and Oregon areas to submit an application for designation.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before May 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications 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 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 will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Mid-Iowa, main office located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Oregon, main office located in Pendleton, Oregon, to provide official inspection services under the Act on October 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designations of Mid-Iowa and Oregon end on September 30, 1996.

The geographic area presently assigned to Mid-Iowa, in the State of Iowa, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

Bounded on the North by the northern Winneshiek and Allamakee County lines;

Bounded on the East by the eastern Allamakee County line; the eastern and southern Clayton County lines; the eastern Buchanan County line; the northern and eastern Jones County lines; the eastern Cedar County line south to State Route 130;

Bounded on the South by State Route 130 west to State Route 38; State Route 38 south to Interstate 80; Interstate 80 west to U.S. Route 63; and

Bounded on the West by U.S. Route 63 north to State Route 8; State Route 8 east to State Route 21; State Route 21 north to D38; D38 east to State Route 297; State Route 297 north to V49; V49 north to Bremer County; the southern Bremer County line; the western Fayette and Winneshiek County lines.

The geographic area presently assigned to the State of Oregon pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act is the entire State of Oregon, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA.

Interested persons, including Mid-Iowa and Oregon, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning October 1, 1996, and ending September 30, 1999. 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 20, 1996

Neil E. Porter

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 24-96]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 126—Reno, Nevada Area; Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Nevada Development

Authority (NDA), grantee of FTZ 126, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Reno, Nevada area, within the Reno Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on March 15, 1996.

FTZ 126 was approved on April 4, 1986 (Board Order 328, 51 FR 12904; 4/16/86). The zone currently consists of the following two sites in Sparks, Nevada, adjacent to the City of Reno: *Site 1*: (15 acres) located on Spice Island Drive near the Reno International Airport; and, *Site 2*: (9 acres, 482,000 sq. ft.) located at 450-475 Lillard Drive.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include a site Proposed *Site 3*: (30 acres) consisting of four related but non-contiguous parcels in Reno, Nevada: Parcel A (10 acres)—205 Parr Blvd.; Parcel B (9 acres)—365 Parr Circle; Parcel C (7 acres)—345 Parr Circle; Parcel D (4 acres)—800 Stillwell Road. Each of the four parcels contains a warehouse facility and together they comprise a warehouse complex operated by Bender Warehouse Company. Zone services will be provided by Nevada Foreign Trade Services, Inc., the operator of FTZ 126.

In accordance with the Board's regulations (as revised, 56 FR 50790-50808, 10-8-91), a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment (original and 3 copies) is invited from interested parties (see FTZ Board address below). The closing date for their receipt is May 31, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 17, 1996).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, 1755 East Plumb Lane, Room 152, Reno, Nevada 89502  
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,  
Executive Secretary.

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### Lapse of Authority for Inactive Foreign-Trade Zones

**AGENCY:** Foreign-Trade Zones Board, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is given as a reminder to foreign-trade zone grantees and interested parties that Section 400.28(a)(5) ("lapse provision") of the regulations of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (15 CFR Part 400), which provides for the lapse of authority for certain inactive foreign-trade zones, goes into effect on November 8, 1996. This information is provided as guidance for affected parties. It outlines how various zones might be affected; the procedure for FTZ activation; and, procedures which are under consideration for implementation of the lapse provision and for a one-year reinstatement period. The notice also provides certain interpretive guidelines and invites comments in writing from interested parties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The lapse provision first goes into effect for zones approved prior to November 8, 1991, which have not been activated at any time in the past and will not have been activated by November 8, 1996. Thereafter, it will have a continuing effect that requires activation within 5 years of approval.

**FTZ ACTIVATION:** A zone grantee which will have reported in its annual report to the FTZ Board the receipt of shipments under FTZ procedures (and under Customs activation approval) at any time in the past prior to November 8, 1996, and thereafter within the applicable time frame, is deemed to have fulfilled the activation requirement with regard to its general-purpose zone sites, and for any subzones for which shipments have been reported. The grantees of zones so activated since the last annual report period shall notify the Executive Secretary of this fact with supporting information.

A zone project at which no shipments have been actually received under FTZ procedures, but which is active in offering FTZ services to the public, may fulfill the activation requirement as follows: (1) obtain Customs activation approval under Section 146.6 of the Customs regulations from the Customs Port Director (formerly, District Director) for the area; and, (2) submit a zone schedule to the Executive Secretary of the FTZ Board and to the Customs Port Director pursuant to Section 400.42(b) of the FTZ regulations. The completion of both these requirements will be hereafter referred to as "FTZ activation".

While these requirements apply to all zones, zone grantees having no shipments to report and who are completing the requirements to avert a lapse of authority under Section 400.28(a)(5), shall notify the Executive Secretary in writing upon completion of the requirements, stating the extent to which the zone is open for business. The Executive Secretary will then, upon review, acknowledge in writing whether FTZ activation has occurred.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE:** Beginning November 8, 1996, and thereafter on October 1 of each federal fiscal year, the FTZ Staff will conduct periodic reviews with regard to zone projects that appear to be affected by Section 400.28(a)(5). Based on findings made by the Executive Secretary, a list will be maintained of those zones for which authority has lapsed under Section 400.28(a)(5), and the U.S. Customs Service will be kept advised.

**REINSTATEMENT:** Consideration will be given by the FTZ Board to the adoption of a reinstatement procedure, which would allow zone grantees to apply for reinstatement of FTZ authority if they fulfill FTZ activation requirements within one year of a lapse of authority. Grantees would notify the Executive Secretary when steps are being taken to qualify for reinstatement. As part of a reinstatement, the FTZ Board may resume processing applications which had been pending with the FTZ Board or the FTZ Staff at the time of a lapse of authority.

**INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES:** 1. A zone which had been in FTZ activation at any time and for any length of time within the applicable time frame (i.e., prior to the lapse date) is not affected by the lapse provision.

2. The FTZ activation of any part of a general-purpose zone or a subzone will suffice to preserve FTZ authority for all of the general-purpose sites of a zone project, but each subzone is considered separately.

3. The starting time for tolling whether a lapse of authority has occurred will be from the time of the original grant of authority for a zone project, and it will affect all general-purpose zone sites and subzones associated with the project, however recently approved, as well as applications submitted to or pending with the FTZ Board or the FTZ Staff.

4. The FTZ activation of a general-purpose zone or subzone may be considered to extend to separate, but related, general-purpose zones or subzones approved for the same grantee pursuant to the same Board action, if the Customs Port Director concurs that the