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Christopher E. Goldthwait,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade and Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade Meetings

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade (APAC) and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATACs) will hold meetings during the period of May 1, 1998-December 20, 1998. The meetings will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. agricultural trade policy that include, but are not limited to, issues concerning GATT accession negotiations with various countries; U.S./Mexico bilateral agricultural trade issues; U.S./Canada bilateral agricultural trade issues; international sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to trade; and WTO Uruguay Round Agreement implementation issues.

Pursuant to section 2155(f)(2) of title 19 of the United States Code, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that these meetings will be concerned solely with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy priorities, negotiating objectives, bargaining positions. Accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenues, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250 unless an alternate site is necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pate Felts, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative at (202) 395-6120 or Paula Thomasson, Joint Executive Secretary, Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at (202) 720-6829.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Champaign (IL), Eastern Iowa (IA), and Enid (OK) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. (Champaign), Eastern-Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Eastern Iowa), and Enid Grain Inspection Company, Inc. (Enid), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1998.

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, 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 December 1, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 63513), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Champaign and Enid to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 30 1997. Champaign and Enid, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

In the December 17, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 66051), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Eastern Iowa to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 15 1998. Eastern Iowa, the only applicant, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Champaign, Eastern Iowa, and Enid 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 Champaign, Eastern Iowa, and Enid are able to provide official services in the geographic areas

for which they applied. Effective June 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Champaign is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register**. Effective August 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Eastern Iowa is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 17, 1997, **Federal Register**. Effective July 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2001, Enid is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Champaign at 217-398-0723, Eastern Iowa at 319-322-7149, and Enid at 405-233-1121.

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

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Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York State Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices, Section IV of the New York State NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include; Agrichemical Mixing Facility (NY702) and Record Keeping (NY748).

DATES: Comments will be received on or before June 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Richard D. Swenson, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York, 13202-2450. Copies of these standards are available by request from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural