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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-24-0056]

Opportunity To Comment on Applicants for the Southeast Texas U.S. Grain Standards Act Designation Area

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Midsouth Grain Inspection Service and Grain Inspection Services of Texas, LLC have applied for designation under the U.S. Grain Standards Act to provide official services in the Southeast Texas designation area. The geographic area is described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is asking for comments on these applicants.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice and view the applications:

To Submit Comments: Go to *Regulations.gov* (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site. All comments must be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> and should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the identity of the individuals or entities submitting comments will be made public on the internet at the address provided above.

To Read Applications and Comments: If you would like to view the

applications, please contact us at FGISQACD@usda.gov. All comments will be available for public inspection online at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Weiland, Grain Marketing Specialist, Telephone 202-989-5995; Email: jennifer.j.weiland@usda.gov or FGISQACD@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the July 18, 2024 edition of the **Federal Register** (89 FR 58327), AMS requested applications from persons interested in providing official services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act in the Southeast Texas designation area. There are two applicants for the Southeast Texas area: Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth Grain) and Grain Inspection Services of Texas, LLC (Texas Grain). Both applicants are currently designated official agencies and both applicants have applied for the entire unassigned area.

The Southeast Texas designation area includes the following counties in Texas: Aransas, Bee, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Waller, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata. This area excludes any established or future export port locations, which are serviced by the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

This notice provides interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by Midsouth Grain and Texas Grain. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicant(s). All comments should be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

AMS considers applications, comments, and other available information, such as audit reports and site visits, when determining which applicants will be designated.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are required regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by October 16, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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Farm Service Agency

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Assignments of Payments and Joint Payment Authorizations; Request for Waiver.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0183.

Summary of Collection: The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(g)) authorizes producers to assign, in writing, Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation program payments. The statute requires that any such assignment be signed and witnessed. The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, extends that authority to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs, including rice, feed grains, cotton, and wheat. When the recipient of an FSA, NRCS, or CCC payment

chooses to assign a payment to another party or have the payment made jointly with another party, the other party must be identified. All federal nontax payments must be made by EFT, unless a waiver applies which requires certain criteria to be granted. FSA will collect information using forms CCC–36, CCC 37, CCC–251, CCC–252 and FPAC–FM–12.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected on the forms will be used by FSA and NRCS employees in order to record the payment or contract being assigned, the amount of the assignment, the date of the assignment, and the name and address of the assignee and the assignor. This is to enable FSA employee to pay the proper party when payments become due. FSA will also use the information to issue program payments jointly at the request of the producer and also terminate joint payments at the request of both the producer and joint payee.

Description of Respondent: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 202,612.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 72,962.

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Acting Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Farm Service Agency

Title: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP2).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0297.

Summary of Collection: This information collection request is required to support the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) information collection activities to provide payments to eligible producers who, with respect to their agricultural commodities, have been impacted by the effects of the COVID–19 pandemic. The information collection is necessary to evaluate the application and other required paperwork for determining the producer's eligibility and assist in the producer's payment calculations. Producers must submit a completed CFAP 2 application and additional documentation for eligibility, such as certifications of compliance with adjusted gross income provisions and conservation compliance activities; those additional documents and forms must be submitted no later than 60 days from the date a producer signs the application. Contract producers are now eligible to receive direct payments that is currently included in the request.

Need and Use of the Information: In order to determine whether a producer is eligible for CFAP and to calculate a payment, a producer is required to submit AD–3117, CFAP application; AD–3117A—Continuation Form for CFAP-Milk Production Modification; AD–3117B—Continuation Sheet for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) Application for Contract Producers, CCC–902, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility, Parts A & B; CCC–901, Member Information for Legal Entities, if applicable; CCC–941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information; and CCC–942,