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Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Meredith C. Jones, Regulatory Coordination Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 156, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-7467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the regulations in “Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-50, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

Section 319.56-4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. One of the designated phytosanitary measures is that the fruits or vegetables are imported from a pest-free area in the country of origin that meets the requirements of § 319.56-5 for freedom from that pest and are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the fruits or vegetables originated in a pest-free area in the country of origin.

Under the regulations in § 319.56-5, APHIS requires that determinations of pest-free areas be made in accordance with the criteria for establishing freedom from pests found in International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 4, “Requirements For the Establishment of Pest Free Areas.” The international standard was established by the International Plant Protection Convention of the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization and is

incorporated by reference in our regulations in 7 CFR 300.5. In addition, APHIS must also approve the survey protocol used to determine and maintain pest-free status, as well as protocols for actions to be performed upon detection of a pest. Pest-free areas are subject to audit by APHIS to verify their status.

APHIS has received a request from the Government of Argentina to recognize an additional area of that country as being free of *Ceratitis capitata*, Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly).¹ Specifically, the Government of Argentina asked that we recognize the Southern and Central Oases in the southern half of Mendoza Province as an area that is free of Medfly.

In accordance with our regulations and the criteria set out in ISPM No. 4, we have reviewed and approved the survey protocols and other information provided by Argentina relative to its system to establish freedom, phytosanitary measures to maintain freedom, and system for the verification of the maintenance of freedom. Because this action concerns the expansion of a currently recognized pest-free area in Argentina from which fruits and vegetables are authorized for importation into the United States, our review of the information presented by Argentina in support of its request is examined in a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) titled “Recognition of additional Provinces as Medfly Pest-Free Areas (PFA) for Argentina.”

The CIED may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the CIED by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56-5(c), we are announcing the Administrator’s determination that the Southern and Central Oases in the southern half of Mendoza Province meet the criteria of § 319.56-5(a) and (b) with respect to freedom from Medfly. After reviewing the comments we receive on this notice, we will announce our decision regarding the status of this area with respect to their freedom from Medfly. If the Administrator’s determination remains unchanged, we will amend the list of pest-free areas to

¹ A list of pest-free-areas currently recognized by APHIS can be found at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/DesignatedPestFreeAreas.pdf).

list Southern and Central Oases of the Mendoza Province of Argentina as free of Medfly.

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of June 2010.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Amarillo, TX; Cairo, IL; and State of North Carolina Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The designations of Amarillo Grain Exchange, Inc. (Amarillo); Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. (Cairo); and North Carolina Department of Agriculture (North Carolina) official agencies will end on September 30, 2010. In the March 31, 2010, **Federal Register** (71 FR 16068), GIPSA asked for applications from persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas. Applications were due on or before April 30, 2010; GIPSA received no applications. GIPSA is again asking for applications from persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the Amarillo, TX; Cairo, IL; and State of North Carolina Areas.

DATES: Applications are due on or before July 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications concerning this notice using only one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* Apply using *FGISonline*. (https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx) by clicking on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an *FGISonline* customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier Address:* Karen W. Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Mail:* Karen W. Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications: All applications will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen W. Guagliardo, 202-720-7312 or Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) (7 U.S.C. 71-87k) 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. Under section 7(g)(1) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for 3 years unless terminated by the Secretary, but may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of the Act.

Areas Open for Designation

Amarillo

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic areas, in the States of Oklahoma and Texas are assigned to this official agency:

In Texas:

- Bounded on the North by the Texas-Oklahoma State line;
- Bounded on the East by the eastern Texas-Oklahoma State line south to the Childress County line;
- Bounded on the South by the southern Childress County line to the western Childress County line north to U.S. Route 287; U.S. Route 287 northwest to Donley County; the southern Donley and Armstrong County lines west to Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River northwest to State Route 217; State Route 217 west to FM 1062; FM 1062 west to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 north to the southern Oldham County west; and
- Bounded on the West by the western Oldham, Hartley, and Dallam County lines.

In Oklahoma:

- Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas Counties.

Cairo

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic areas, in the States of Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee are assigned to this official agency:

In Illinois:

- Bounded on the North from State Route 150 at the Mississippi River north to State Route 3; State Route 3 southeast to State Route 149; State Route 149 east to State Route 13; State Route 13 southeast to U.S. Route 51; U.S. Route

51 south to the northern Union County line; northern Union County east to the Ohio River;

- Bounded on the East by the Ohio River;
- Bounded on the South by the Ohio River west to the Mississippi River; and
- Bounded on the West by the Mississippi River north to State Route 150.

In Kentucky:

- Ballard, McCracken, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Calloway, Marshall, Graves, Fulton, Hickman, and Carlisle Counties.

In Tennessee:

- Lake, Obion, Weakley, Henry, Stewart, Montgomery, Dickson, Houston, Benton, and Humphreys Counties.

The Cargill, Inc., grain elevator in Tiptonville, Lake County, Tennessee, which is located within Cairo's assigned areas, is currently serviced, and will continue to be serviced by Midsouth Grain Inspection Service.

North Carolina

Pursuant to section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the entire State of North Carolina, except those export port locations within the State which are serviced by GIPSA, is assigned to this official agency.

Opportunity for Designation

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR 800.196(d). Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2013. To apply for designation or for more information, contact Karen W. Guagliardo at the address listed above or visit GIPSA's Web site at <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicant will be designated.

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

J. Dudley Butler,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Announcement of Rural Cooperative Development Grant Application Deadlines

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: USDA Rural Development announces the availability of approximately \$7.924 million in competitive grant funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2010 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program, as provided in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub.L. 111-80). The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2010 and award grants on or before August 15, 2010. The maximum award per grant is \$225,000 and matching funds are required. In accordance with section 310B(e)(6)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)) as amended by section 6013 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the Secretary has determined that a grant period of one year is in the best interest of the program at this time.

Applicants must read this notice carefully, as program requirements have changed.

DATES: Applications for grants must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper copies must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than August 9, 2010, to be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2010 grant funding.

Electronic copies must be received by August 9, 2010, to be eligible for FY 2010 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2010 grant funding.

ADDRESSES: Application materials for a RCDG may be obtained at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm> or by contacting the applicant's USDA Rural Development State Office. Contact information for State Offices can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/Contacts.htm>. Submit completed paper applications for a grant to Cooperative Programs, Attn: RCDG Program, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 3250, Room 4016-South, Washington, DC 20250-3250. The phone number that should be used for courier delivery is (202) 720-8460.