

GIPSA did not ask for additional comments on them.

We evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in section 7(f)(1) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)) and determined that Aberdeen, Decatur, Hastings, McCrea,

Missouri, and South Carolina are able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the March 3, 2008, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. These designation actions to provide official services are effective

October 1, 2008, and terminate September 30, 2011, for Aberdeen, Decatur, Hastings, McCrea, Missouri, and South Carolina. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start–end
Aberdeen .....	Aberdeen, SD, 605–225–8432; Additional Location: Mitchell, SD .....	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.
Decatur .....	Decatur, IL, 217–429–2466 .....	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.
Hastings .....	Hastings, NE, 402–462–4254; Additional Location: Grand Island, NE .....	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.
McCrea .....	Fulton, IL, 815–589–9955 .....	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.
Missouri .....	Jefferson City, MO, 573–751–5515; Additional Locations: Vandalia, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Marshall and New Madrid, MO.	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.
South Carolina .....	Columbia, SC, 843–296–7522 .....	10/1/2008–9/30/2011.

Section 7(f)(1) of the USGSA, 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Section 7(g)(1) of USGSA provides that designations of official agencies will terminate not later than three years and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of USGSA.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Opportunity for Designation in Jamestown (ND), Lincoln (NE), Memphis (TN), and Sioux City (IA) Areas, and Request for Comments on the Official Agencies Serving These Areas**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The designations of the official agencies listed below will end on March 31, 2009. We are asking persons interested in providing official services in the areas served by these agencies to submit an application for designation. We are also asking for comments on the quality of services provided by these currently designated agencies: Grain Inspection, Inc. (Jamestown); Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln); Midsouth Grain Inspection Service (Midsouth); and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company (Sioux City).

**DATES:** Applications and comments must be received on or before October 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- *To apply for designation, go to FGIS online, Web page: [https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default\\_home\\_FGIS.aspx](https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx). Select Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR). You need e-authentication and a customer number prior to applying.*

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver to Karen Guagliardo, Review Branch Chief, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647–S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Fax:* Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690–2755, attention: Karen Guagliardo.

- *E-mail:* Send via electronic mail to [Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov](mailto:Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov).

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments and reading any comments posted online.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Guagliardo at 202–720–7312, e-mail [Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov](mailto:Karen.W.Guagliardo@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA or 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 (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)(1)).

Section 7(g)(1) of USGSA provides that designations of official agencies will terminate not later than three years and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 7(f) of USGSA.

**CURRENT DESIGNATIONS BEING ANNOUNCED FOR RENEWAL**

Official agency	Main office	Designation start	Designation end
Jamestown .....	Jamestown, ND .....	4/01/2009 .....	3/31/2012
Lincoln .....	Lincoln, NE .....	4/01/2009 .....	3/31/2012
Midsouth .....	Memphis, TN .....	4/01/2009 .....	3/31/2012
Sioux City .....	Sioux City, IA .....	4/01/2009 .....	3/31/2012

**Jamestown**

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Minnesota and North Dakota, is assigned to Jamestown.

**In Minnesota**

Traverse, Grant, Douglas, Todd, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Pine, Big Stone, Stevens, Pope, Stearns, Benton, Isanti, Chisago, Swift, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Wright, Sherburne, Anoka, Lac Qui Parle, and Chippewa Counties.

**In North Dakota**

Bounded on the North by Interstate 94 east to U.S. Route 85; U.S. Route 85 north to State Route 200; State Route 200 east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 southeast to State Route 41; State Route 41 north to State Route 200; State Route 200 east to State Route 3; State Route 3 north to the northern Wells County line, the northern Wells and Eddy County lines east; the eastern Eddy County line south to the northern Griggs County line; the northern Griggs county line east to State Route 32;

Bounded on the East by State Route 32 south to State Route 45; State Route 45 south to State Route 200; State Route 200 west to State Route 1; State Route 1 south to the Soo Railroad line; the Soo Railroad line southeast to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 west to State Route 1; State Route 1 south to the Dickey County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Dickey County line west to U.S. Route 281; U.S. Route 281 north to the Lamoure County line; the southern Lamoure County line; the southern Logan County line west to State Route 13; State Route 13 west to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 south to the Emmons County line; the southern Emmons County line; the southern Sioux County line west State Route 49; State Route 49 north to State Route 21; State Route 21 west to the Burlington-Northern line; the Burlington-Northern line northwest to State Route 22; State Route 22 south to U.S. Route 12; U.S. Route 12 west-northwest to the North Dakota State line; and

Bounded on the West by the western North Dakota State line north to Interstate 94.

Jamestown's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Jamestown's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Minot Grain Inspection, Inc.; Benson Quinn Company, Underwood; and Falkirk Farmers Elevator, Washburn, both in McLean County; and Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Wells County.

**Lincoln**

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa and Nebraska, is assigned to Lincoln.

Bounded on the North (in Nebraska) by the northern York, Seward, and Lancaster County lines; the northern Cass County line east to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south to U.S. Route 34; (in Iowa) U.S. Route 34 east to Interstate 29;

Bounded on the East by Interstate 29 south to the Fremont County line; the northern Fremont and Page County lines; the eastern Page County line south to the Iowa-Missouri State line; the Iowa-Missouri State line west to the Missouri River; the Missouri River south-southeast to the Nebraska-Kansas State line;

Bounded on the South by the Nebraska-Kansas State line west to County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81; and

Bounded on the West (in Nebraska) by County Road 1 mile west of U.S. Route 81 north to State Highway 8; State Highway 8 east to U.S. Route 81; U.S. Route 81 north to the Thayer County line; the northern Thayer County line east; the western Saline County line; the southern and western York County lines.

Lincoln's assigned geographic area does not include the following grain elevators inside Lincoln's area which have been and will continue to be serviced by the following official agency: Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.; Goode Seed & Grain, McPaul, Fremont County, Iowa; and Haveman Grain, Murray, Cass County, Nebraska.

**Sioux City**

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota, is assigned to Sioux City.

**In Iowa**

Bounded on the North by the northern Iowa State line from the Big Sioux River east to U.S. Route 59; U.S. Route 59 south to B24; B24 east to the eastern O'Brien County line; the O'Brien County line south; the northern Buena Vista County line east to U.S. Route 71; U.S. Route 71 north to the northern Iowa State line east to U. S. Route 169;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 169 south to State Route 9; State Route 9 west to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 south to the northern Humboldt County line; the Humboldt County line east to State Route 17; State Route 17 south to

C54; C54 east to U.S. Route 69; U.S. Route 69 south to the northern Hamilton County line; the Hamilton County line west to R38; R38 south to U.S. Route 20; U.S. Route 20 west to the eastern and southern Webster County lines to U.S. Route 169; U.S. Route 169 south to E18; E18 west to the eastern Greene County line; the Greene County line south to U.S. Route 30;

Bounded on the South by U.S. Route 30 west to E53; E53 west to N44; N44 north to U.S. Route 30; U.S. Route 30 west to U.S. Route 71; U.S. Route 71 north to the southern Sac and Ida County lines; the eastern Monona County line south to State Route 37; State Route 37 west to State Route 175; State Route 175 west to the Missouri River; and

Bounded on the West by the Missouri River north to the Big Sioux River; the Big Sioux River north to the northern Iowa State line.

**In Minnesota**

Yellow Medicine, Renville, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Rock, Nobles, Jackson, and Martin Counties.

**In Nebraska**

Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Pierce (north of U.S. Route 20), and Thurston Counties.

**In South Dakota**

Bounded on the North by State Route 44 (U.S. 18) east to State Route 11; State Route 11 south to A54B; A54B east to the Big Sioux River;

Bounded on the East by the Big Sioux River; and

Bounded on the South and West by the Missouri River.

The following grain elevators, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, are part of this geographic area assignment: West Central Coop, Boxholm, Boone County (located inside Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s area); and West Bend Elevator Co., Algona, Kossuth County; Stateline Coop., Burt, Kossuth County; Gold-Eagle, Goldfield, Wright County; and North Central Coop, Holmes, Wright County (located inside D. R. Schaal Agency's area).

**Opportunity for Designation**

Interested persons, including Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, and Sioux City, may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 7(f) of USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)(2)), and 7 CFR 800.196(d) regulations. Designation in the specified geographic areas is for the period beginning April 1, 2009, and ending

March 31, 2012. To apply for designation, contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information, or obtain applications at the GIPSA Web site, <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>.

#### Request for Comments

We are also publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments on the quality of services provided by the Jamestown, Lincoln, Midsouth, and Sioux City official agencies. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to the Compliance Division at the above address or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

In determining which applicant will be designated, we will consider applications, comments, and other available information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 0808251149–81159–01]

#### Foreign Availability Assessment: Uncooled Thermal Imaging Cameras Incorporating Microbolometer Focal Plane Arrays

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Initiation of a Foreign Availability Assessment and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to announce that the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is initiating a foreign availability assessment pursuant to sections 5(f) and 5(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA). The Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) will oversee the assessment of the foreign availability in China of uncooled thermal imaging cameras incorporating microbolometer focal plane arrays. BIS is also seeking public comments on the foreign availability of these cameras in China.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [rhajen@bis.doc.gov](mailto:rhajen@bis.doc.gov). Include the phrase “Microbolometer FA Study” in the subject line;

- *Fax:* (202) 482–5361.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:*

Ryan Hajen, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1093, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Kurland, Office of Technology Evaluation, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone: (202) 482–2385; e-mail: [kkurland@bis.doc.gov](mailto:kkurland@bis.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 5(f) and 5(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA), authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to conduct foreign availability assessments to examine and reevaluate the effectiveness of U.S. dual-use export controls on certain items that are controlled for national security reasons under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has been delegated the responsibility of conducting these assessments and compiling a final report for the Secretary’s review and consideration when issuing a final foreign availability determination. Part 768 of the EAR sets forth the procedures related to foreign availability assessments. BIS is publishing this notice to announce the initiation of an assessment and to request public comments on certain aspects of the item under review.

##### Foreign Availability Assessment

On behalf of the Secretary, BIS has initiated an assessment in response to a certified foreign availability petition received from the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee (SITAC). The SITAC petition asserts the foreign availability of uncooled thermal imaging cameras in China. These cameras incorporate microbolometer focal plane arrays operating in a spectral band between 8 and 14 microns, with a frame rate no higher than 60 Hz, and a pixel count of 110,592 or less. These items are currently controlled for national security reasons under Export Control Commodity Classification Number (ECCN) 6A003.b.4.b on the Commerce Control List (Supplement No. 1 to Part 774 of the EAR). The SITAC petition asserts that cameras of comparable quality to those subject to control under 6A003.b.4.b are available-in-fact from

China in sufficient quantities to render the U.S. export control of the cameras ineffective.

BIS has reviewed the SITAC petition and determined that it has sufficient evidence to show that foreign availability of these cameras exists. Therefore, BIS is initiating a foreign availability assessment of uncooled thermal imaging cameras incorporating microbolometer focal plane arrays. Upon completion of the assessment, BIS will submit its findings to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn will issue a final determination for the Department. The final determination will be published in the **Federal Register**.

#### Request for Comments

To assist in assessing the foreign availability of these cameras, BIS is seeking public comments and submissions that relate to the following information:

- Product names and model designations of cameras that are made in China and that are comparable to the U.S. cameras with a spectral band between 8 and 14 microns, a frame rate of no more than 60 Hz, and a pixel count of 110,592 or less (U.S. cameras);
- Names and locations of Chinese companies that produce and export indigenously-produced cameras comparable to U.S. cameras;
- Chinese production quantities, sales, and/or exports of cameras comparable to U.S. cameras;
- Data on imports of Chinese cameras comparable to U.S. cameras, and/or testing and analysis of such cameras;
- An estimate of the economic impact on U.S. companies of the export controls on the U.S. cameras.

Any tangible evidence to support the above information would also be useful to BIS in its conduct of this assessment. Examples of other useful evidence are found in Supplement No. 1 to Part 768 of the EAR.

#### Submission of Comments

All comments must be submitted to the address indicated in this notice. The Department of Commerce requires that all comments be submitted in written form.

BIS encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on September 17, 2008. BIS will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be considered if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured.