

In consideration of this proposal, AMS gathered information from government and industry sources.

Drained weight, although not a factor of quality in canned mushrooms, is very important in connection with the marketing of processed fruit and vegetable products. Drained weight indicates the amount of fruit and vegetable ingredient in relation to packing media and to some extent the degree to which a product may have disintegrated during processing and handling. Most U.S. standards for canned fruits and vegetables contain a recommended drained weight. Drained weight, when applicable, is a requirement in federal specifications and other purchase specifications or contracts. The USDA reports the range of drained weights on their certificates when there is a mandatory FDA requirement, such as for canned mushrooms. Although drained weight is an FDA mandatory requirement in canned mushrooms, buyers and sellers can establish their own specification of minimum drained weights that exceed the FDA.

Presently, the U.S. standard for canned mushrooms includes a recommended minimum drained weight of 62 percent of the water capacity, or for example, 68.0 ounces for the No. 10 can, while the FDA minimum is 61.3 ounces (56 percent) for this can size. The water capacity is determined according to the FDA method outlined in 21 CFR 130.12. The FDA established its current 56 percent minimum in rulemaking based upon a petition from the National Food Processors Association (NFPA) requesting that the drained weight required for mushrooms packed in larger cans be reduced because of the high incidence of bacterial spoilage in such containers. The FDA initiated rulemaking in a proposed rule (47 FR 26843; June 22, 1982). The NFPA attributed the problem to overfilling to meet the drained weight requirement. Therefore, the NFPA proposed to reduce the drained weight requirement for larger cans so that the ratio of mushrooms to water capacity of the container was not less than 56 percent. A final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 1983 (48 FR 10812) and a **Federal Register** Notice confirming the effective dates was published on September 14, 1983 (48 FR 41155.)

The USDA published a notice in the **Federal Register**, on December 4, 1998 (63 FR 67040), proposing to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms by lowering the recommended drained weight from 62

percent to 56 percent of the can capacity.

A 60 day comment period was provided for interested persons to send in comments on this recommended change to the Standards.

AMS received one comment that was opposed to the change in drained weight. The commenter stated that the change would result in a lack of uniformity in that there would be a larger number of pack sizes within the narrow range of 56 to 62 percent of the water capacity. They also stated that the change would require expensive changes in the manufacturing process, through new heat penetration studies, new labels, and new in-plant procedures resulting in a restructuring of the manufacturing process. And finally, the commenter felt that the marketing environment would become more confused as a result. AMS believes that the comments have merit and therefore has decided to withdraw the proposal and terminate the action.

In another matter, the commenter wanted a review of the current color standards for canned mushrooms. They stated that due to the extreme difficulty in achieving Grade A color in glass, that the minimum color classifications be reviewed.

Because this response is beyond the scope of the intended notice, USDA will review this discussion in another forum when more data is available. Interested parties are however encouraged to submit data to justify reviewing the minimum color requirements for canned mushrooms.

After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Agency has decided not to proceed with the action. Therefore, the notice published December 4, 1998 (64 FR 67040) is withdrawn.

Dated: March 18, 2002.

A.J. Yates,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Withdrawal of the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The intended effect of this action is to comply with 36 CFR part 219 section 219.35(e) which directs that within 1 year of November 9, 2000, the

Regional Forester must withdraw the Regional Guide. When a Regional Guide is withdrawn, the Regional Forester must identify the decisions in the Regional Guide that are to be transferred to a regional supplement of the Forest Service directive system (36 CFR 200.4) or to one or more plans and give notice in the **Federal Register** of these actions.

DATES: This action will be effective April 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley J. Burmark, Forest Planner, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, 707-562-8950

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action withdraws the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide. None of the direction in the Pacific Southwest Regional Guide will be transferred to a regional supplement of the Forest Service directive system or to forest plans. The direction in the Regional Guide is already in the forest plans, is obsolete, has been replaced by more recent direction, or is already present in other existing policies.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Gilbert J. Espinosa,
Acting Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[01-04-S1]

Designation for the Central Iowa (IA) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces designation of Central Iowa Grain Inspection Corporation to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart at 202-720-8525, e-mail janhart@gipsadc.usda.gov.

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 4, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 63015), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc., to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 2, 2002.

There were two applicants for the Central Iowa area: Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc., and Kevin D. Bredthauer and Sandra M. Bredthauer, of Des Moines, Iowa, proposing to do business as Central Iowa Grain Inspection Corporation. Both applied for the entire geographic area currently assigned to Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc., is a designated official agency. GIPSA asked for comments on the applicants for providing service in the Central Iowa area in the January 28, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 3875). Comments were due by February 28, 2002. GIPSA received no comments by the due date. Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc., subsequently withdrew their application and asked for voluntary cancellation of their designation, effective March 31, 2002.

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, effective April 1, 2002, and ending March 31, 2005, Central Iowa Grain Inspection Corporation is able to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the December 4, 2001, **Federal Register**, for which they applied. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling Central Iowa Grain Inspection Corporation at 515-266-1101.

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

Dated: March 8, 2002.

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

19 CFR Part 351

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties; Additional Comment Period

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of additional comment period on proposed policy.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is announcing a one-week final comment period for parties interested in submitting comments on the October 15, 1998, proposed clarification on the automatic-liquidation regulation where a reseller has been involved in the chain of commerce.

DATES: Submit comments by April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Docket Center, Room 1870, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Parkhill, Office 3, Import Administration at 202-482-4733, or Patrick Gallagher, Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration, at 202-482-5053.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a proposed clarification of the Department's position on the automatic-liquidation procedures for a reseller and invited public comment on that clarification. See *Notice and Request for Comment on Policy Concerning Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 63 FR 55361 (*Proposed Clarification*). On November 12, 1998, we published a notice of *Rebuttal Period for Comments on Policy Concerning Assessment of Antidumping Duties* (63 FR 63288) which extended the period for initial comments to November 13, 1998, established a rebuttal period until December 4, 1998, and provided for the submission of comments and rebuttal in an electronic format for posting to the Import Administration internet home page.

In the *Proposed Clarification* the Department explained the need for a clear articulation of its policy concerning the assessment of antidumping duties where intermediate

companies are involved in exporting merchandise subject to antidumping duty orders to the United States. See 63 FR 55361. The Department also proposed in that notice that its clarified policy would apply to all entries for which the anniversary date for requesting an administrative review is on or after the date of publication of a final decision on this issue.

The Department received several written comments and rebuttals regarding the proposed assessment clarification and is preparing its final decision on the issue. Specifically, the Government of Canada, Micron, Volvo, the Steel Service Center Institute, the American Bearing Manufacturers Association, and The Timken Company provided comments. See the Import Administration Web site at www.ia.ita.doc.gov. The Department has reviewed these comments and is prepared to announce a final decision shortly.

Given the passage of time since the publication of the *Proposed Clarification*, however, the Department has decided to alert the public to the pending clarification and to provide one more opportunity for the public to submit comments on the proposed clarification. The Department will consider all comments it has already received: re-submission of earlier comments is not necessary. Parties which have not yet commented on the proposal may submit comments within seven (7) calendar days of the publication of this notice for the Department's consideration.

To help simplify the processing and distribution of comments, the Department requests that a submission in electronic form accompany the required paper copies. Comments filed in electronic form should be on a DOS formatted 3.5" diskette in either WordPerfect format or a format that the WordPerfect program can convert into WordPerfect. Please make each comment a separate file on the diskette and name each separate file using the name of the proposed document, e.g., "Reseller Liquidation."

Comments received on diskette will be made available to the public on the Web at ia.ita.doc.gov. In addition, upon request, the Department will make comments filed in electronic form available to the public on 3.5" diskettes (at cost) with specific instructions for accessing compressed data (if necessary). Any questions concerning file formatting, document conversion, access on the Web, or other electronic filing issues should be addressed to Andrew Lee Beller, IA Webmaster, at