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The people's governments of all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government, all ministries and commissions of the State Council, and all institutions directly under the State Council,

The Provisions on the Main Functions, Internal Bodies and Staffing of the State Administration of Grain, which have been approved by the State Council, are hereby distributed to you in print.

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According to the Notice of the State Council on the Setup of National Bureaus Administered by Ministries and Commissions (No. 12 [2008] of the State Council), the State Administration of Grain (at the deputy ministerial level) is established as a national bureau administered by National Development and Reform Commission.

I. Adjustment of Functions

1. To cancel the matters subject to administrative examination and approval that have been cancelled upon announcement of the State Council.
2. To strengthen the research of the strategic issues on grain (including edible oil, hereinafter the same), further deepen the reform of the grain circulation system, improve the grain reserve system, establish a sound grain monitoring and pre-warning system and emergency response mechanism and intensify the guidance and coordination in respect of the purchase and sale of grain as well as the administration of central grain reserves so as to enhance the capacity of the state to ensure the supply of grain.

II. Main Functions

1. To make research and put forward suggestions on the mid and long term plans on the national macro-control of grain, the balance between the aggregate demand and supply of grain and the circulation of grain, on the aggregate import and export volumes of grain, and on the purchase, reserve and use of the central grain reserves, draw up the plan on the reform of the grain circulation system and organize the execution thereof, boost the reform of state-owned grain enterprises, and make research and put forward proposals about the development strategy for modern grain circulation industry.
2. To be responsible for the monitoring and pre-warning of grain and responding to emergencies, take charge of the concrete work on the national macro-control of circulation of grain, make research and put forward suggestions on the principle of minimum price for the purchase of grain, and direct and coordinate the purchase and sale of as well as the cooperation in the production and sale of policy-based grain such as the grain purchased at the minimum purchase price.
3. To draft laws, regulations and policies on the administration of national grain circulation and the central grain reserves and supervise the implementation thereof, formulate rules on the supervision

and inspection of the circulation and inventories of grain and organize the implementation thereof, and supervise and administer the quality & safety of grain and the hygiene of raw grain at the grain purchase and storage links.

4. To be responsible for the industrial administration of grain circulation, formulate industrial development plans and policies, draft relevant national standards, offer guidance on the formulation of grain purchase market access standards and organize the implementation thereof, direct the scientific and technological progress, technical renovation and popularization of new technologies in respect of grain circulation, draw up national standards on grain quality, formulate technical norms on the storage and transport of grain and supervise the implementation thereof, and carry out foreign cooperation and exchange activities in grain circulation.

5. To be responsible for the administration of central grain reserves, make research and put forward, jointly with relevant departments, plans on the scale and overall distribution of the central grain reserves and the purchase, sale and the aggregate import and export volumes of grain; examine and approve, jointly with relevant departments, the central grain reserve rotation plans and supervise the execution thereof, supervise and inspect the quantity, quality and storage safety of the central grain reserves, formulate technical norms on the management of central grain reserves and supervise the implementation thereof and offer guidance on the businesses of China Grain Reserves Corporation.

6. To work out plans on the construction and development of the national grain market system and organize the execution thereof, draw up plans on the construction of facilities for the circulation, storage and processing of grain and administer the national investment projects relevant to grain circulation facilities.

7. To undertake other tasks assigned by the State Council and the National Development and Reform Commission.

III. Internal Bodies

According to the aforesaid functions, 6 internal institutions are established within the State Administration of Grain (at the level of deputy department or bureau):

1. Office (Department of Personnel and Department of Foreign Affairs)

It shall be responsible for the routine work of the State Administration of Grain, such as the documents, meetings, confidential affairs, archives, etc.; undertake the work on publicity, information, supervision and inspection, security, complaint letters and visits, disclosure of government affairs, etc.; undertake the work on the personnel administration and staffing of the State Administration of Grain and its directly subordinate entities; direct the construction of the team of talents and the training and education work in the grain industry; and take charge of the foreign affairs of the State Administration of Grain and its directly subordinate entities.

2. Department of Control

It shall make research and put forward suggestions on mid and long term plans on the macro-control of grain, balance between the aggregate demand and supply of grain and the circulation of grain, on the aggregate import and export volumes of grain, and on the purchase, reserve and use of the central grain reserves; make research and put forward plans on the scale and overall distribution of the central grain reserves and the purchase, sale and the aggregate import and export volumes of grain, give examination opinions on the central grain reserve rotation plans and supervise and urge the execution of the said plans; undertake the work on the monitoring and pre-warning of grain and the emergency responses; and direct and coordinate purchase and sale of as well as the cooperation in the production and sale of policy-based grain such as the grain purchased at the minimum purchase price.

3. Department of Policies and Regulations

It shall make research and put forward plans on the reform of the national grain circulation system and organize the implementation thereof, research and put forward proposals about the development strategy for the modern grain circulation industry and suggestions on the principle of minimum grain purchase price; work out plans on the construction and development of the grain market system and

guiding standards on the grain purchase market access and organize the implementation thereof; draft standards, testing rules and relevant technical norms on the quality of grain; organize the drafting of laws, regulations and relevant policies on the administration of national grain circulation and the central grain reserves and undertake the work on administrative reconsideration and responding to administrative lawsuits.

4. Department of Supervision and Inspection

It shall draft rules and measures for the supervision and inspection of grain circulation and organize the implementation thereof; supervise and inspect the execution of the central grain reserve plan, quantity, quality and technical norms; organize and guide the supervision and inspection of the purchase and sale of policy-based grain; and inspect the national grain inventories.

5. Department of Finance

It shall undertake the budgetary and financial management of the departments; take charge of the government procurement, the management of state-owned assets and the internal audit of the State Administration of Grain and its directly subordinate entities; push ahead with the reform and development of the state-owned grain enterprises, and investigate to know well the business management status of state-owned grain trading enterprises and offer guidance.

6. Department of Circulation and Scientific and Technological Development

It shall work out the plans on the construction and scientific and technological development of grain circulation and relevant annual plans; undertake the relevant work on national investment projects for grain circulation facilities, the accreditation of the authorized storage qualifications for the central grain reserves, the grain storage management and storage safety and offer guidance on the work safety of the grain industry; take charge of the scientific and technological management, the construction of the scientific and technological innovation system and the popularization of new technologies in the grain industry.

The Party Committee of the State Administration of Grain shall be responsible for the work on Party-mass relations of the State Administration of Grain and its directly subordinate entities in Beijing. Its working body is set up in the Office.

Office of Retired Officials

It shall take charge of the work on the retired officials of the State Administration of Grain and guide the work on the retired officials of the entities directly subordinate to the State Administration of Grain.

IV. Staffing

The authorized number of the administrative staff of the State Administration of Grain shall be 123 (including 1 flexible staff member for providing external support and 36 staff members for the work on retired officials). Among them, there shall be 1 director, 4 deputy directors and 22 director-generals and deputy director-generals of departments (including 1 chief engineer, 1 full-time deputy secretary of the Party Committee of the State Administration of Grain) and 3 officials at the level of director-general of department and bureau in the Office of Retired Officials.

V. Miscellaneous

1. The relevant functional relationship between the State Administration of Grain and the National Development and Reform Commission: The suggestions on mid and long term plans on the macro-control of national grain, the balance between the aggregate demand and supply of grain, the structural adjustment of the major species of grains and the grain circulation, on the reform of grain circulation system and on development strategy for the grain circulation industry put forward by the State Administration of Grain shall be subject to the examination and approval of the National Development and Reform Commission, and then reported to the State Council; and the suggestions

on the plans on the aggregate national import and export volumes of grain and on the purchase and use of central grain reserves put forward by the State Administration of Grain shall be subject to the examination and approval of the National Development and Reform Commission jointly with other relevant departments, and then be reported to the State Council.

2. The functional relationship between the State Administration of Grain and China Grain Reserves Corporation

(1) The State Administration of Grain shall be responsible for the administration of central reserve grain and shall supervise and inspect the quantity, quality and storage safety of central grain reserves. China Grain Reserves Corporation shall be responsible for the concrete business management of the central grain reserves and the quantity, quality and storage safety of central grain reserves.

(2) China Grain Reserves Corporation shall be separately listed in the national plan. It shall organize the execution of its capital construction scheme after such a scheme is sent to it by the National Development and Reform Commission or by the State Administration of Grain.

(3) The concrete affairs relevant to the management of retired officials which were undertaken by the former State Administration of Grain Reserves shall be authorized to China Grain Reserves Corporation.

3. The setup, functions and staffing of public institutions subordinate to the State Administration of Grain shall be prescribed separately.

VI. Supplementary Provisions

The power to interpret these Provisions shall remain with the State Commission Office for Public Sector Reform, and any adjustment thereof shall be made by State Commission Office for Public Sector Reform according to the prescribed procedures.