

Subpart A—Regulations Under the United States Cotton Standards Act

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DEFINITIONS

§ 28.1 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 28.2 Terms defined.

As used throughout this subpart, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

(a) *The Act*. The United States Cotton Standards Act, approved March 4, 1923 (42 Stat. 1517; 7 U.S.C. 51 *et seq.*) with such amendments as may be made from time to time.

(b) *Regulations*. Regulations mean the provisions in this subpart.

(c) *Department*. The United States Department of Agriculture.

(d) *Secretary*. The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department who has been delegated, or who may hereafter be delegated the authority to act for the Secretary.

(e) *Service*. The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(f) *Administrator*. The Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, or any officer or employee of the Service, who has been delegated, or who may hereafter be delegated the authority to act for the Administrator.

(g) *Division*. The Cotton Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

(h) *Director*. The Director of the Cotton Division, or any officer or employee of the Division who has been delegated, or who may hereafter be delegated the authority to act for the Director.

(i) *Classing Office*. A facility of the Cotton Division established under the act at any point.

(j) *Quality Control Section*. The national classing supervision office at Memphis, Tennessee performing final review of cotton classification.

(k) *Cotton classer*. An employee of the Department so designated by the Director after having passed the prescribed practical cotton classing examination.

(l) *License*. A license issued under the Act by the Secretary to sample cotton.

(m) *Licensed warehouse or gin*. A cotton warehouse or gin licensed under the United States Cotton Standards Act to sample cotton.

(n) *Cotton*. The word *cotton* means cotton of any variety produced within the continental United States. In this subpart, for administrative convenience the word “cotton” is used to signify vegetable hair removed from cottonseed in the usual process of ginning.

(o) *Upland Cotton*. All cotton grown anywhere within the continental United States including the growths sometimes referred to as Upland, Gulf, and Texas cotton, but excluding American Pima growths.

(p) *Official Cotton Standards*. Official cotton standards of the United States for the grade of American Upland cotton, and American Pima cotton, for length of staple, and for fiber fineness and maturity, adopted or established pursuant to the Act, or any change or replacement thereof.

(q) *Universal standards*. The official cotton standards of the United States for the grade of American upland cotton.

(r) *Person*. Individual, association, partnership, or corporation, or two or more individuals having a joint or common interest.

(s) *Owner*. Person who through financial interest, owns, controls, or has the disposition either of cotton or of samples.

(t) *Custodian*. Person who has possession or control of cotton or of samples, as agent, controller, broker, or factor, as the case may be.

(u) *State*. A State, Territory, or district of the United States.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL

§ 28.3 Director.

The Director shall perform for and under the supervision of the Secretary and the Administrator, such duties as the Secretary or the Administrator may require in enforcing the provisions of the Act and the regulations issued thereunder.

§ 28.4 Classing offices.

Classing Offices shall be maintained at points designated by the Administrator. Requests for the review of the classification and/or comparison of cotton performed by Classing Offices may be referred to the Quality Control Section.

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§§ 28.5—28.6 [Reserved]

§ 28.7 Area Director, Classing Office; responsibility.

Subject to this subpart and the instructions of the Director, the Area Director of each Classing Office shall be responsible for the proper performance of the duties imposed on such office and on the persons connected therewith. The Area Director shall be responsible for receiving all correspondence relating to the classification of cotton under the act and for providing that all samples are prepared for classification and/or comparison in such manner that the name of the owner and/or the custodian shall be unknown to the cotton classers until after the samples are classified.

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§ 28.8 Classification of cotton; determination.

For the purposes of the act, the classification and comparison of any cotton, samples, or types submitted to the Department shall be determined or made only by cotton classers properly

qualified and designated as such by the Director, and the certificate of a Classing Office or the Quality Control Section with respect to any cotton shall be deemed to be the certificate of the Department.

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§ 28.9 Inspection; sampling; classification.

The inspection, sampling, and classification of cotton in the United States pursuant to the Act shall be performed as prescribed in this subpart. Subject in general to the provisions of this subpart the Director may issue from time to time instructions for the sampling, classification, and issuance of classification memoranda for cotton classed for special programs and other Government agencies, including the review of any classification performed pursuant to §§ 28.901 through 28.919.

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REQUESTS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPARISON

§ 28.15 Classification and comparison; requests.

All requests for classification and comparison shall be in writing on a form supplied by the Division and shall contain such information as the Director may require. For each lot or mark of cotton which the applicant desires classified or compared separately he shall specify which of the following forms of service is desired:

(a) *Form A determination.* The classification or comparison of samples freshly drawn and submitted to a Classing Office direct from a licensed warehouseman, at the request of the owner of the cotton or the owner's agent. Such classification or comparison shall be evidenced by a Form A memorandum which shall be subject to review as provided in § 28.66.

(b) *Form C determination.* The classification of bales of cotton inspected and sampled under the supervision of an employee of the Division. The classification in such cases shall be evidenced by a Form C certificate which shall be subject to review as provided in § 28.66.