

## Farm Service Agency, USDA

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agents of the Department of Agriculture may request.

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### § 735.29 Warehouse charges.

A licensed warehouseman shall not make any unreasonable, exorbitant, or discriminatory charge for services rendered. Before a license to conduct a warehouse is granted under the act, the warehousemen shall file with the Department a copy of his rules, if any, and a schedule of the charges to be made by him if licensed. Effective at the beginning of any cotton season, a licensed warehouseman may change his rate of charges for storage and other services, and the new rates may apply to all cotton then in storage as well as cotton received thereafter. At or before the beginning of each season every licensed warehouseman shall file with the Department a copy of his rules, if any, and of his schedule of charges for the ensuing season. Should a licensed warehouseman wish to make changes in his rates to become effective at any time other than at the beginning of a season, he shall file with the Department an amended schedule showing the contemplated changes, accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons therefor. No increase in the storage rate shown in such an amended schedule shall apply to cotton in storage at the time the changes become effective. A licensed warehouseman may demand payment of all accrued charges at the close of each cotton season. If, upon demand, the owner of the cotton refuses to pay such charges at the end of a season, the warehouseman may take such action to enforce collection of his charges as is permitted by the laws of the State in which the warehouse is located. Each licensed warehouseman shall keep a copy of his current rules and schedule of charges exposed conspicuously in the place prescribed by § 735.6 and at such other place accessible to the public as the Secretary or his designated representative may from time to time designate. For the pur-

poses of this section the cotton season shall commence, with respect to each warehouse, at such time not later than September 1 of each year, as the operator of the warehouse shall select, and he shall notify the Department in writing not less than five days next preceding the date selected.

[29 FR 15720, Nov. 24, 1964, as amended at 47 FR 35751, Aug. 17, 1982. Redesignated at 50 FR 1814, Jan. 14, 1985]

### § 735.30 Business hours.

(a) Each licensed warehouse shall be kept open for the purpose of receiving cotton for storage and delivering cotton out of storage every business day for a period of not less than six hours between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section. The warehouseman shall keep conspicuously posted on the door of the public entrance to his office and to his warehouse a notice showing the hours during which the warehouse will be kept open, except when such warehouse is kept open continuously from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(b) In case the warehouse is not to be kept open as required by paragraph (a) of this section, the notice posted as prescribed in that paragraph shall state the period during which the warehouse is to be closed and the name of an accessible person, with the address where he is to be found, who shall be authorized to deliver cotton stored in such warehouse, upon lawful demand by the depositor thereof or the holder of the receipt therefor, as the case may be.

### § 735.31 Tags to be attached to bales.

Except as provided in § 735.32, each warehouseman shall, upon acceptance of any bale of cotton for storage, immediately attach thereto an identification tag of good quality which shall identify the bale. Such tag either shall be made of reasonably heavy waterproof paper or linen, with reinforced eyelet or eyelets, and be attached to the bale with a flexible, rustproof wire, or shall be made of such other material and attached by such other means as

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shall be approved by the Administrator. These tags will contain a number, mark, or identifier and shall be attached in an orderly systematic sequence, clearly distinguishable from each other.

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### § 735.32 Arrangement of stored cotton.

(a) Each warehouseman shall store each bale of cotton for which a receipt under the act has been issued so that the tag thereon, required by § 735.31 is visible and readily accessible, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, and shall arrange all other cotton in his licensed warehouse so as to permit an accurate check thereof.

(b) If cotton is tendered to a licensed warehouseman for storage and the cotton is of the same grade and staple and is tendered in such quantity by any one depositor that efficiency of operation dictates that such cotton should be stored in a lot or lots without regard to visibility of all tags on all bales within any lot, the warehouseman may store such cotton if each lot originally contained two or more bales: *Provided, however,* that each bale entering into a lot must bear an individual bale identification, and must be stored so that the number of bales within the lot may be accurately determined.

(c) An individual lot identification tag showing the lot number and the number of bales in the lot shall be affixed by the warehouseman to each lot of cotton. The warehouseman shall also maintain an office record showing the bale or tag number, mark, or identifier of each bale in the lot and the location of the lot in the warehouse. Each lot shall be so arranged as to be readily distinguishable from each and every other lot. When requested by a proper representative of the Department of Agriculture engaged in making an examination of the warehouse, the warehouseman shall tear or break down at his own expense such stacks or lots of cotton as the examiner deems necessary to a proper examination. Before any warehouseman undertakes to store in accordance with this section he shall submit a statement setting forth: (1) His reasons for desiring to avail him-

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self of this section and (2) the plan of storage he proposes to follow, and he shall secure prior permission from the Secretary or his designated representative to practice such method of storage.

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### § 735.33 System of accounts.

Each warehouseman shall use a system of accounts which is approved by the Service. The system of accounts shall show the following for each bale of cotton: the tag number, mark, or identifier as specified in § 735.31; its weight; its class when required or ascertained; its location; the dates received for, and delivered out of, storage; and the receipts issued and canceled. All systems of accounts shall include a detailed record of all moneys received and disbursed and of all effective insurance policies.

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### § 735.34 Reports.

Each licensed warehouseman shall, from time to time, when requested by the Administrator, or his representative, make such reports, on forms prescribed and furnished for the purpose by the Service, concerning the condition, contents, operation, and business of the warehouse as the Administrator may require.

### § 735.35 Canceled receipts; auditing.

Each warehouseman, if requested by the Service, shall forward canceled receipts for auditing to an entity or office of the Service as may be designated from time to time.

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### § 735.36 Copies of reports to be kept.

Each warehouseman shall keep on file, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of three years after December 31 of the year in which submitted, an exact copy of each report