

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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§ 55.5 Designation of official certificates, memoranda, marks, other identifications, and devices for purposes of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Subsection 203(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended by Pub. L. 272, 84th Congress, provides criminal penalties for various specified offenses relating to official certificates, memoranda, marks or other identifications, and devices for making such marks or identifications, issued or authorized under section 203 of said Act, and certain misrepresentations concerning the inspection or grading of agricultural products under said section. For the purposes of said subsection and the provisions in this part, the terms listed below shall have the respective meanings specified:

(a) *Official certificate* means any form of certification, either written or printed, used under this part to certify with respect to the sampling, inspection, class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition of products (including the compliance of products with applicable specifications).

(b) *Official memorandum* means any initial record of findings made by an authorized person in the process of grading, inspecting, or sampling pursuant to this part, any processing or plant-operation report made by an authorized person in connection with grading, inspecting, or sampling under this part and any report made by an authorized person of services performed pursuant to this part.

(c) *Official mark* means the grade mark, inspection mark, and any other mark or symbol formulated pursuant to the regulations in this part, stating that the product was graded or inspected, or for the purpose of maintaining the identity of the product.

(d) *Official identification* means any United States (U.S.) standard designation of class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition specified in this part or any symbol, stamp, label, or seal indicating that the product has been officially graded or inspected and/or indicating the class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition of the product approved by the Administrator and authorized to be affixed to any product,

or affixed to or printed on the packaging material of any product.

(e) *Official device* means a printed label, or other method as approved by the Administrator for the purpose of applying any official mark or other identification to any product of the packaging material thereof.

ADMINISTRATION

§ 55.10 Authority.

The Administrator shall perform, for and under the supervision of the Secretary, such duties as the Secretary may require in the enforcement or administration of the provisions of the Act and this part. The Administrator is authorized to waive for a limited period any particular provisions of the regulations in this part to permit experimentation so that new procedures, equipment, and processing techniques may be tested to facilitate definite improvements and at the same time to determine full compliance with the spirit and intent of the regulations in this part. The Agricultural Marketing Service and its officers and employees shall not be liable in damages through acts of commission or omission in the administration of this part.

[42 FR 2969, Jan. 14, 1977. Redesignated at 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977, and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981]

§ 55.11 Nondiscrimination.

The conduct of all services and the licensing of graders and inspectors under these regulations shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

[40 FR 20055, May 8, 1975. Redesignated at 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977, and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981; 60 FR 49168, Sept. 21, 1995]

GENERAL

§ 55.20 Kinds of services available.

The regulations in this part provide for the following kinds of services:

(a) Inspection of the processing of products containing eggs in official plants.

(b) Sampling of products.

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(c) Quantity and condition inspection of products.

[36 FR 11795, June 19, 1971. Redesignated at 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977 and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981, as amended at 58 FR 42413, Aug. 9, 1993]

§ 55.22 Where service is offered.

Any product may be graded or inspected wherever a grader or inspector is available and the facilities and the conditions are satisfactory for the conduct of the service.

§ 55.24 Basis of service.

(a) Products shall be graded or inspected in accordance with such standards, methods, and instructions as may be issued or approved by the Administrator. All service shall be subject to supervision at all times by the applicable State supervisor, egg products supervisor, Regional Director, and National Supervisor. Whenever the supervisor of a grader or inspector has evidence that such grader or inspector incorrectly graded or inspected a product, such supervisor shall take such action as is necessary to correct the grading or inspection and to cause any improper official identification which appears on the product or containers thereof to be corrected prior to shipment of the product from the place of the initial grading or inspection.

(b) Whenever service is performed on a sample basis, such sample shall be drawn in accordance with the instructions as issued by the Administrator.

§ 55.25 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

(a) *Purpose.* This section collects and displays the control numbers assigned to information collection requirements by the Office of Management and Budget contained in 7 CFR part 55 pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511.

(b) *Display.*

7 CFR section where identified and described	Current OMB control number
§ 55.10	0581-0146
§ 55.24(a)	0581-0146
§ 55.30(a)	0581-0146
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§ 55.95(b)	0581-0146

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§ 55.120	0581-0146
§ 55.130(a)	0581-0146
§ 55.130(b)	0581-0146
§ 55.130(c)	0581-0146
§ 55.140	0581-0146
§ 55.150	0581-0146
§ 55.160	0581-0146
§ 55.200(a)	0581-0146
§ 55.240	0581-0146
§ 55.300	0581-0146
§ 55.340(c)	0581-0146
§ 55.370(a)	0581-0146
§ 55.380	0581-0146
§ 55.390	0581-0146
§ 55.400	0581-0146
§ 55.420	0581-0146
§ 55.560(a)(1)	0581-0146
§ 55.560(b)(1)	0581-0146
§ 55.560(b)(3)(ii)	0581-0146
§ 55.600	0581-0146

[49 FR 2880, Jan. 24, 1984, as amended at 55 FR 23421, June 8, 1990]

PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

§ 55.30 Licensed graders and inspectors.

(a) Any person who is a Federal or State employee, the employee of a local jurisdiction, or the employee of a cooperating agency possessing proper qualifications as determined by an examination for competency and who is to perform grading service under this part, may be licensed by the Secretary as a grader or inspector.

(b) All licenses issued by the Secretary are to be countersigned by the officer-in-charge of the service of the Agricultural Marketing Service or by any other official of AMS designated by such officer.

(c) No person may be licensed to grade or inspect any product in which he is financially interested.

[36 FR 11795, June 19, 1971, as amended at 37 FR 12918, June 30, 1972. Redesignated at 42 FR 32514, June 27, 1977, and further redesignated at 46 FR 63203, Dec. 31, 1981]

§ 55.40 Suspension of license; revocation.

Pending final action by the Secretary, any person authorized to countersign a license to perform service may, whenever he deems such action necessary to assure that any grading or inspection services are properly performed, suspend any license to perform