

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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stated in the certificate were handled contrary to the provisions of the certificate and this section.

(e) The committee shall make reports to the Secretary, as requested, showing the number of applications for such certificates, the quantity of potatoes covered by such applications for such certificates, the number of such applications denied, and certificates granted, the quantity of potatoes shipped under duly issued certificates, and such other information as may be requested by the Secretary.

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### INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

#### § 947.60 Inspection and certification.

(a) During any period in which the handling of potatoes is regulated pursuant to § 947.42, § 947.52, or § 947.54, or any combination thereof, no handler shall handle potatoes unless such potatoes are inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service, or such other inspection service as the Secretary shall designate, and are covered by a valid inspection certificate, except when relieved from such requirements pursuant to § 947.53 or § 947.54 or both.

(b) Regrading, resorting, or repacking any lot of potatoes shall invalidate any prior inspection certificates insofar as the requirements of this section are concerned. No handler shall handle potatoes after they have been regraded, resorted, repacked, or in any way further prepared for market, unless such potatoes are inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service, or such other inspection service as the Secretary shall designate: *Provided*, That such inspection requirements on regraded, resorted, or repacked potatoes may be modified, suspended, or terminated under rules and regulations recommended by the committee, and approved by the Secretary.

(c) Insofar as the requirements of this section are concerned, the length of time for which an inspection certificate is valid may be established by the committee with the approval of the Secretary.

(d) When potatoes are inspected in accordance with the requirements of

this section, a copy of each inspection certificate issued shall be made available to the committee by the inspection service.

### EXEMPTIONS

#### § 947.65 Procedure.

The committee may adopt, subject to approval of the Secretary, the procedures pursuant to which certificates of exemption will be issued to producers or handlers.

#### § 947.66 Granting exemptions.

(a) The committee may issue certificates of exemption to any producer who applies for such exemption and furnishes adequate evidence to the committee: (1) That by reason of a regulation issued pursuant to § 947.52 he will be prevented from handling as large a proportion of his production as the average proportion of production handled by all producers in said applicant's immediate production area; and (2) that the grade, size, or quality of the applicant's potatoes have been adversely affected by acts beyond the applicant's control and by acts beyond reasonable expectation. Each certificate shall permit the producer to handle the amount of potatoes specified thereon. Such certificates shall be transferred with such potatoes at time of shipment.

(b) The committee may issue certificates of exemption to any handler who applies for such exemption and furnishes adequate evidence to the committee: (1) That by reason of a regulation issued pursuant to § 947.52 he will be prevented from handling as large a proportion of his storage holdings of ungraded potatoes, acquired during or immediately following the digging season, as the average proportion of ungraded storage holdings handled by all handlers in said applicant's immediate shipping area; and (2) that the grade, size, or quality of the applicant's potatoes have been adversely affected by acts beyond the applicant's control and by acts beyond reasonable expectation. Each certificate shall permit the handler to handle the amount of potatoes specified thereon. Such certificate shall be transferred with such potatoes at time of shipment.

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(c) The committee shall be permitted at any time to make a thorough investigation of any producer's or handler's claim pertaining to exemptions.

**§ 947.67 Appeal.**

If any applicant for exemption certificate is dissatisfied with the determination by the committee with respect to his application, said applicant may file an appeal with the committee. Such an appeal must be taken promptly after the determination by the committee from which the appeal is taken. Any applicant filing an appeal shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the committee for a determination on the appeal. The committee shall thereupon reconsider the application, examine all available evidence, and make a final determination concerning the application. The committee shall notify the appellant of the final determination and shall furnish the Secretary with a copy of the appeal and a statement of considerations involved in making the final determination.

**§ 947.68 Review, records, and reports of exemptions.**

(a) The Secretary shall have the right to modify, change, alter, or rescind any procedure and any exemptions granted pursuant to §§ 947.65, 947.66, 947.67, or any combination thereof.

(b) The committee shall maintain a record of all applications submitted for exemption certificates, a record of all exemption certificates issued and denied and the quantity of potatoes covered by such exemption certificates, a record of the amount of potatoes handled under exemption certificates, a record of appeals for reconsideration of applications, and such information as may be requested by the Secretary. Periodic reports on such records shall be compiled and issued by the committee upon request of the Secretary.

**EFFECTIVE TIME AND TERMINATION**

**§ 947.70 Effective time.**

(a) The provisions of this subpart shall become effective at such time as the Secretary may declare above his signature attached to this subpart, and shall continue in force until termi-

nated in one of the ways specified in this subpart.

(b) All rules and regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to this part (Order No. 947, as amended), which are in effect immediately prior to the date of this amendment shall continue in effect under this subpart as originally issued, or subsequently modified, until such rules and regulations are changed, modified, or suspended in accordance with this subpart.

**§ 947.71 Termination.**

(a) The Secretary may at any time terminate the provisions of this subpart by giving at least one day's notice by means of a press release or in any other manner which he may determine.

(b) The Secretary may terminate or suspend the operation of any or all of the provisions of this subpart whenever he finds that such provisions do not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(c) The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this subpart at the end of any fiscal period whenever he finds that such termination is favored by a majority of producers who, during the preceding fiscal period, have been engaged in the production for market of potatoes; *Provided*, That such majority has, during such period, produced for market more than fifty percent of the volume of such potatoes produced for market; but such termination shall be effective only if announced on or before June 30 of the then current fiscal period.

(d) The provisions of this subpart shall in any event terminate whenever the provisions of the act authorizing them cease to be in effect.

**§ 947.72 Proceedings after termination.**

(a) Upon the termination of the provisions of this subpart, the then functioning members of the committee shall continue as trustees, for the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the committee, of all the funds and property then in the possession of or under control of the committee, including claims for any funds unpaid or property not delivered at the time of such termination. Action by said trusteeship shall require the concurrence of a majority of the said trustees.