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§ 55.90 Authority and duties of inspectors performing service on a resident inspection basis.

(a) Each inspector is authorized:

(1) To make such observations and inspections as he deems necessary to enable him to certify that products have been prepared, processed, stored, and otherwise handled in conformity with the regulations in this part;

(2) To supervise the marking of packages containing products which are eligible to be identified with official identification;

(3) To retain in his custody, or under his supervision, labels with official identification, marking devices, samples, certificates, seals, and reports of inspectors;

(4) To deface or remove, or cause to be defaced or removed under his personal supervision, any official identification from any package containing products whenever he determines that such products were not processed in accordance with the regulations in this part or are not fit for human food;

(5) To issue a certificate upon request on any product processed in the official plant; and

(6) To use retention tags or other devices and methods as may be approved by the Administrator for the identification and control of products which are not in compliance with the regulations in this part or are held for further examination, and any equipment, utensils, rooms or compartments which are found to be unclean or otherwise in violation of any of the regulations in this part. No product, equipment, utensil, room or compartment shall be released for use until it has been made acceptable. Such identification shall not be removed by anyone other than inspector or grader.

(b) Each inspector shall prepare such reports and records as may be prescribed by the officer-in-charge of the service.

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§ 55.95 Facilities and equipment to be furnished for use of graders and inspectors in performing service on a resident inspection basis.

(a) Facilities and equipment for proper sampling, weighing, examination of products and monitoring processing procedures shall be furnished by the official plant for use by inspectors and graders. Such facilities and equipment shall include but not be limited to a room or area suitable for sampling product, and acceptable candling light, flashlight, heavy duty, high speed drill with an eleven sixteenths-inch or larger bit of sufficient length to reach the bottom of containers used for frozen eggs, metal stem thermometer(s), test thermometer(s), stop watch, test weighing scale(s) and test weight(s), test kit for determining the bactericidal strength of sanitizing solutions, and stationary or adequately secured storage box or cage (capable of being locked only by the inspector) for holding official samples.

(b) Acceptable furnished office space and equipment, including but not being limited to, a desk, lockers or cabinets (equipped with a satisfactory locking device) suitable for the protection and storage of supplies, and with facilities for inspectors and graders to change clothing.

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§ 55.96 Schedule of operation of official plants.

Grading operating schedules for services performed pursuant to § 55.560 shall be requested in writing and be approved by the Administrator. Normal operating schedules for a full week consist of a continuous 8-hour period per day (excluding not to exceed 1 hour for lunch), 5 consecutive days per week, within the administrative workweek, Sunday through Saturday, for each shift required. Less than 8-hour schedules may be requested and will be approved if a grader is available. Clock hours of daily operations need not be specified in the request, although as a condition of continued approval, the hours of operation shall be reasonably uniform from day to day. As an alternative, the normal operating schedule