

otherwise. Submitted reports shall be assumed to cover countable purchases of eligible tobacco only, absent indications to the contrary.

(d) *Due dates and addresses for reports.* For flue-cured tobacco, the domestic manufacturer's statement of intentions shall be submitted by December 1 before the marketing year and the year-end report shall be submitted by August 20 following the end of the marketing year. Those respective dates for burley tobacco shall be January 15 before the burley tobacco marketing year and November 20 after the burley tobacco marketing year. Reports shall be mailed or delivered to the Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, STOP 0514, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0514.

(e) *Penalties.* A domestic manufacturer shall be liable for a penalty equal to twice the purchaser's no-net-cost assessment rate per pound for the applicable kind of tobacco for the relevant marketing year, if the manufacturer's purchases of either burley or flue-cured tobacco for the marketing year do not equal or exceed, as determined by the Director, 90 percent of their stated purchase intentions for that kind of tobacco for the relevant marketing year. The Director shall adjust the domestic manufacturer's intentions, however, to the extent, that producers have not produced the full amount of the national quota for the relevant marketing year for the particular kind of tobacco. The burden of establishing all purchases shall be with the domestic manufacturer and the Director may, in the case of indirect purchases for the manufacturer, require that the manufacturer obtain verification of the purchases by the dealer who made the purchase from the producer, at a regular auction market, or from the price support loan inventory, in order to assure that the tobacco is, to the manufacturer, a countable purchase. The Director may require such additional infor-

mation as determined needed to enforce this subpart.

(f) *Penalty notice and penalty remittance.* Penalties will be assessed after notice and an opportunity for hearing before the Director. Remittances are to be made to the CCC and will be credited to the applicable producer loan association's no-net-cost fund or account as provided for in part 1464 of this title.

(g) *Maintenance and examination of records.* Each domestic manufacturer shall keep all relevant records of purchases, by kind, of burley and flue-cured tobacco for a period of at least 3 years. The Director, Office of Inspector General, or other duly authorized representative of the United States may examine such records, receipts, computer files, or other information held by a domestic manufacturer that may be used to verify or audit such manufacturer's reports. The reasonable cost of such examination or audit may be charged to the domestic manufacturer who is the subject of the examination or audit. All records examined or received under this part by officials of the Department of Agriculture shall be kept confidential to the extent required by law.

PART 729—PEANUT MARKETING QUOTAS

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§ 729.1 Applicability to 1996 through 2001 crops of peanuts.

Sections 1309 and 1310 of the Farm Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 terminated, beginning with the 2002 crop, the marketing quota and price support program for peanuts. However, 7 CFR part 729, revised as of January 1, 2002 continues to apply to the 1996 through 2001 crops of peanuts.