

§ 948.40

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INSPECTION

§ 948.40 Inspection and certification.

(a) During any period in which the handling of potatoes is regulated pursuant to § 948.20 through § 948.24, inclusive, no handler shall handle potatoes unless such potatoes are inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal or a Federal-State Inspection Service and are covered by a valid inspection certificate, except when relieved of such requirements by § 948.22(b), § 948.23, or § 948.40(b).

(b) Rules may be issued by the Secretary, upon recommendation of the Colorado Potato Committee requiring inspection on regraded, resorted or re-packed lots, or providing for special inspection requirements or relief therefrom. Such rules may provide distinctions, insofar as practical, between handling at shipping point and handling in receiving markets within the production area.

(c) Upon recommendation of an area committee and approval by the Secretary, any or all potatoes so inspected and certified shall be identified by appropriate seals, stamps, or tags to be affixed to the containers by the handler under the direction and supervision of a Federal or Federal-State Inspector or the committee. Master containers may bear the identification instead of the individual containers within said master container.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) Area committees with the approval of the Colorado Potato Committee may recommend and the Secretary may require that no handler shall transport or cause the transportation of potatoes by motor vehicle or by other means unless such shipment is accompanied by a copy of the inspection certificate issued thereon, or other document authorized by the committee

to indicate that such inspection has been performed. Such certificate or document shall be surrendered to such authority as may be designated.

COMMITTEES

§ 948.50 Area committees.

A committee is hereby established as an administrative agency for each area. Each area committee shall be comprised of members and alternates as set forth in this section or as reestablished by § 948.53.

(a) Area No. 1 (Western Slope): Four producers and three handlers selected as follows:

Two (2) producers and one (1) handler from the counties of Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, Moffat, and Routt, in the State of Colorado;

Two (2) producers and one (1) handler from the remaining counties of Area No. 1;

One (1) handler representing all producers' cooperative marketing associations in Area No. 1.

(b) Area No. 2 (San Luis Valley): Seven producers and five handlers selected as follows:

Three (3) producers from Rio Grande County;

One (1) producer from Saguache County;

One (1) producer from Conejos County;

One (1) producer from Alamosa County;

One (1) producer from all other counties in Area No. 2;

Two (2) handlers representing all producers' cooperative marketing associations in Area No. 2;

Three (3) handlers representing handlers in Area No. 2 other than producers' cooperative marketing associations.

(c) Area No. 3: Five Producers and four handlers selected as follows:

Three (3) producers from Weld County;

One (1) producer from Morgan County;

One (1) producer from the remaining counties of Area No. 3;

Four (4) handlers from Area No. 3.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 57 FR 61774, Dec. 29, 1992, in § 948.50, paragraph (a) was suspended indefinitely.

§ 948.51 Colorado Potato Committee.

The Colorado Potato Committee is hereby established consisting of six members, with alternates. Two members and alternates shall be selected from each area committee. Committee men shall be selected by the Secretary