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(k) Cotton classer. An employee of the Department so designated by the Director after having passed the prescribed practical cotton classing examination.

(l) License. A license issued under the Act by the Secretary to sample cotton.

(m) Licensed warehouse or gin. A cotton warehouse or gin licensed under the United States Cotton Standards Act to sample cotton.

(n) Cotton. The word cotton means cotton of any variety produced within the continental United States. In this subpart, for administrative convenience the word “cotton” is used to signify vegetable hair removed from cottonseed in the usual process of ginning.

(o) Upland Cotton. All cotton grown anywhere within the continental United States including the growths sometimes referred to as Upland, Gulf, and Texas cotton, but excluding American Pima growths.

(p) Official Cotton Standards. Official Cotton Standards of the United States for the color grade and the leaf grade of American upland cotton, the color grade and the leaf grade of American Pima cotton, the length of staple, and fiber property measurements, adopted or established pursuant to the Act, or any change or replacement thereof.

(q) Universal standards. The official cotton standards of the United States for the grade of American upland cotton.

(r) Person. Individual, association, partnership, or corporation, or two or more individuals having a joint or common interest.

(s) Owner. Person who through financial interest, owns, controls, or has the disposition either of cotton or of samples.

(t) Custodian. Person who has possession or control of cotton or of samples, as agent, controller, broker, or factor, as the case may be.

(u) State. A State, Territory, or district of the United States.