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moisture or the formation of an excessive quantity of resin acid crystals in the rosin.

Establishment of New and Modified Standards

§ 160.15 New standards.

Whenever in the opinion of the Administrator a new standard for any naval stores is necessary in the interest of the trade, he shall announce a hearing thereon, to be held not less than 3 months subsequent to such announcement. Notice of the hearing stating the terms or description of the proposed new standard, or a summary thereof, shall be given by publication in the Federal Register and by such other means as may be practicable. The hearing shall be conducted by an official designated by the Administrator, and reasonable opportunity shall be afforded at the hearing to all interested persons to present their views, arguments and data, verbally or in writing, in favor of or in opposition to the proposed modification. All relevant material presented at said hearing, or a summary thereof, and a recommendation as to adoption or rejection of the proposed modification shall be transmitted to the Administrator for his consideration. A modified standard established and promulgated by the Administrator shall become effective not less than 6 months after the promulgation thereof.

§ 160.16 Modification of existing standards.

Whenever in the opinion of the Administrator a modification of an existing standard for naval stores is necessary in the interest of the trade, he shall announce a hearing thereon, to be held not less than 6 months subsequent to such announcement. Notice of the hearing stating the terms or description of the proposed modification of any standard, or a summary thereof, shall be given by publication in the Federal Register and by such other means as may be practicable. The hearing shall be conducted by an official designated by the Administrator, and reasonable opportunity shall be afforded to all interested persons to present their views, arguments and data, verbally or in writing, in favor of or in opposition to the proposed modification. All relevant material presented at said hearing, or a summary thereof, and a recommendation as to adoption or rejection of the proposed modification shall be transmitted to the Administrator for his consideration. A modified standard established and promulgated by the Administrator shall become effective not less than 6 months after the promulgation thereof.

Methods of Analysis, Inspection, Sampling and Grading

§ 160.17 Laboratory analysis.

The analysis and laboratory testing of naval stores shall be conducted, so far as is practicable, according to methods of the American Society for Testing Materials. When any such method is deemed to be insufficient or unsuitable or when no method has been so presented, the analysis shall be made according to any method deemed appropriate by the Administrator.

§ 160.18 Determining the grade of rosin.

The grade of rosin shall be determined by comparing a representative sample, taken and prepared in accordance with the provisions in this part, with the appropriate standard types. The grade shall be the grade designation of the standard type which the sample equals or excels in color, but below the next higher grade.

§ 160.19 Samples of rosin for grading.

Samples of rosin for grading shall be approximately cubical in shape, and shall be seven-eighths inch thick in the direction through which they are viewed or graded. Samples may be taken by any of the following methods:

(a) By cutting or cleaving the same from a lump of the rosin removed from the solid mass in the barrel or drum, the top side of which lump shall come from not less than 4 inches below the surface of the rosin.

(b) By placing a tin mold of suitable design inside the barrel or drum through an opening in the side, the center of which opening is approximately 9 inches from the top or 12 inches from the bottom so that when