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§ 70.71 On a fee basis.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this part, the fees to be charged and collected for any service performed, in accordance with this part, on a fee basis shall be based on the applicable rates specified in this section.

(b) Fees for grading services will be based on the time required to perform such services for class, quality, quantity (weight test), or condition, whether ready-to-cook poultry, ready-to-cook rabbits, or specified poultry food products are involved. The hourly charge shall be \$74.08 beginning March 30, 2008, and \$77.28 on or after January 25, 2009, and shall include the time actually required to perform the work, waiting time, travel time, and any clerical costs involved in issuing a certificate.

(c) Grading services rendered on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays shall be charged for at the rate of \$86.68 per hour beginning March 30, 2008, and \$93.24 per hour on or after January 25, 2009. Information on legal holidays is available from the supervisor.

(d) Fees for audit services will be based on the time and expenses required to perform the audit. The hourly charge shall be \$87.56 beginning March 30, 2008, and \$89.20 on or after January 25, 2009, and shall include the time actually required to perform the audit, waiting time, travel time, travel expenses and any clerical costs involved in issuing a certificate.

(e) Audit services rendered on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays shall be charged for at the rate of \$112.00 per hour beginning March 30, 2008, and \$116.08 per hour on or after January 25, 2009. Information on legal holidays is available from the Supervisor.

[70 FR 42256, July 22, 2005, as amended at 71 FR 42014, July 24, 2006; 72 FR 11775, Mar. 14, 2007; 73 FR 11519, Mar. 4, 2008]

§ 70.72 Fees for appeal grading or review of a grader's decision.

The costs of an appeal grading, or review of a grader's decision, shall be borne by the appellant on a fee basis at rates set forth in § 70.71, plus any travel and additional expenses. If the appeal grading, or review of a grader's decision discloses that a material error was

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made in the original determination, no fee or expenses will be charged.

[63 FR 52133, Sept. 30, 1998, as amended at 71 FR 42014, July 24, 2006]

§ 70.75 Travel expenses and other charges.

Charges are to be made to cover the cost of travel and other expenses incurred by the AMS in connection with rendering grading service. Such charges shall include the cost of transportation, per diem, and any other expenses.

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§ 70.76 Charges for continuous poultry grading performed on a non-resident basis.

Fees to be charged and collected for grading service on a nonresident grading basis shall be those provided in this section. The fees to be charged for any appeal grading shall be as provided in § 70.72.

(a) *Charges.* The charges for the grading of poultry and edible products thereof shall be paid by the applicant for the service and shall include items listed in this section as are applicable. Payment for the full cost of the grading service rendered to the applicant shall be made by the applicant to the AMS. Such full costs shall comprise such of the items listed in this section as are due and included in the bill or bills covering the period or periods during which the grading service was rendered. Bills will be rendered by the 10th day following the end of the billing period in which the service was rendered and are payable upon receipt.

(1) A charge for the salary and other costs, as specified in this paragraph, for each grader while assigned to a plant, except that no charge will be made when the assigned grader is temporarily reassigned by AMS to perform grading service for other than the applicant. Base salary rates will be determined on a national average for all official plants operating in States under a Federal Trust Fund Agreement where Federal graders, State graders, or a