

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 945.65

(4) Regulate the shipment of potatoes by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality and maturity.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 945.53 Shipments for specified purposes.

Whenever the Secretary finds, upon the basis of the recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that it will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall modify, suspend, or terminate regulations under or pursuant to § 945.42, § 945.52, or § 945.65, or any combination thereof in order to facilitate shipments of potatoes for the following purposes:

- (a) Export;
- (b) Relief or charity;
- (c) Livestock feed;
- (d) Certified seed potatoes;
- (e) Processing into specified products; and
- (f) Such other purposes which may be specified by the Committee, with the approval of the Secretary.

§ 945.54 Minimum quantity exemption.

The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish, for any or all portions of the production area, minimum quantities below which shipments will be free from regulations issued or in effect pursuant to §§ 945.40 to 945.65, inclusive, or any combination thereof.

§ 945.55 Notification of regulation.

The Secretary shall notify the committee of any regulations issued or of any modifications, suspension, or termination thereof. The committee shall give reasonable notice thereof to handlers.

§ 945.56 Safeguards.

(a) The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe adequate safeguards to prevent shipments pursuant to § 945.53 from entering channels of trade and other outlets for other than the specific purpose authorized therefor.

(b) Safeguards, provided by this section, may include, but shall not be limited to, requirements that handlers:

(1) Shall obtain the inspection required by § 945.65 or pay the assessment provided by § 945.42, or both, in connection with the potato shipments effected in accordance with § 945.53; and

(2) Shall obtain Certificates of Privilege from the committee for shipments of potatoes effected or to be effected under provisions of § 945.53.

(c) The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe rules governing the issuance and the contents of Certificates of Privilege.

(d) The committee may rescind, or deny to any handler, Certificates of Privilege if proof satisfactory to the committee is obtained that potatoes shipped by him for the purposes stated in § 945.53 were handled contrary to the provisions of this section.

(e) The committee shall make reports to the Secretary, as requested, showing the number of applications for such certificates, the quantity of potatoes covered by such applications for such certificates, the number of such applications denied and certificates granted, the quantity of potatoes shipped under duly issued certificates, and such other information as may be requested by the Secretary.

INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

§ 945.65 Inspection and certification.

(a) During any period in which regulations are in effect pursuant to § 945.42, § 945.52, or § 945.53, or any combination thereof, no handler shall handle potatoes unless such potatoes are inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service, and are covered by a valid inspection certificate, except when relieved from such requirements pursuant to recommendations by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

(b) Regrading, resorting, or repacking any lot of potatoes shall invalidate any prior inspection certificates covering such potatoes insofar as the requirements of this section are concerned. During any period in which shipments of potatoes are regulated, as