

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 1207.510**

**§ 1207.507 Administrative Committee.**

(a) The Board shall annually select from among its members an Administrative Committee composed of producer members as provided for in the Board's bylaws, one or more importer members, and the public member. Selection shall be made in such manner as the Board may prescribe: Except that such committee shall include the Chairperson and six Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom shall also serve as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

(b) The Administrative Committee shall act for the Board in implementing such marketing research, development, advertising, and/or promotion activities as directed by the Board, and shall, subject to such direction, be charged with developing and submitting to the Secretary for his approval specific programs or projects in the name of the Board. The Administrative Committee shall further act for the Board in authorizing contracts or agreements for the development and carrying out of such programs or projects and the payment of the costs thereof with funds collected pursuant to §1207.342 of the plan.

(1) The Administrative Committee also shall act for the Board in contracting with cooperating agencies for the collection of assessments pursuant to §1207.513(d).

(2) [Reserved]

(c) The Board may assign such other administrative powers and duties to the Administrative Committee as it shall determine, and the Administrative Committee shall act on behalf of and in the name of the Board in all administrative matters.

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**§ 1207.508 USDA costs.**

Pursuant to §1207.341 of the Plan the Board shall pay those administrative costs incurred by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the conduct of its duties under the Plan as are determined periodically by the Secretary.

Payment shall be due promptly after billing for such costs.

[49 FR 26202, June 27, 1984]

**ASSESSMENTS**

**§ 1207.510 Levy of assessments.**

(a) *Domestic assessments.* (1) An assessment rate of 2 cents per hundredweight shall be levied on all potatoes produced within the 50 States of the United States.

(2) No assessment shall be levied on potatoes grown in the 50 States of the United States by producers of less than 5 acres of potatoes.

(b) *Assessments on imports.* (1) An assessment rate of 2 cents per hundredweight shall be levied on all tablestock potatoes imported into the United States for ultimate consumption by humans and all seed potatoes imported into the United States. An assessment rate of 2 cents per hundredweight shall be levied on the fresh weight equivalents of imported frozen or processed potatoes for ultimate consumption by humans. The importer of imported tablestock potatoes, potato products, or seed potatoes shall pay the assessment to the Board through the U.S. Customs Service at the time of entry or withdrawal for consumption of such potatoes and potato products into the United States.

(2) The following conversion factors shall be used to determine the fresh weight equivalents of frozen and processed potato products:

Frozen potato products .....	.50
Canned potatoes .....	.636
Potato chips and shoestring potatoes .....	.245
Dehydrated potato products .....	.14
Potato starch .....	.1111

(3) The Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) categories and assessment rates on imported tablestock potatoes and frozen or processed potatoes for ultimate consumption by humans and on imported seed potatoes are as follows:

Tablestock potatoes, processed potato products, and seed potatoes	Assessment	
	Cents/cwt	Cents/kg
0701.10.0020 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.10.0040 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.90.1000 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.90.5010 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.90.5020 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.90.5030 .....	2.00	0.0441
0701.90.5040 .....	2.00	0.0441

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Tablestock potatoes, processed potato products, and seed potatoes	Assessment	
	Cents/cwt	Cents/kg
0710.10.0000 .....	4.00	0.0882
2004.10.4000 .....	4.00	0.0882
2004.10.8020 .....	4.00	0.0882
2004.10.8040 .....	4.00	0.0882
2005.20.6060 .....	3.1446	0.0693
0712.10.0000 .....	14.2857	0.3149
1105.10.0000 .....	14.2857	0.3149
1105.20.0000 .....	14.2857	0.3149
2005.20.6040 .....	14.2857	0.3149
2005.20.2000 .....	8.1633	0.1800
1108.13.0010 .....	18.0018	0.3969

(4) No assessments shall be levied on otherwise assessable potatoes which are contained in imported products wherein potatoes are not a principal ingredient.

(c) Potatoes and potato products used for nonhuman food purposes, other than seed, are exempt from assessment but are subject to the disposition of exempted potatoes provisions of §1207.515 of this subpart.

(d) No more than one such assessment shall be made on any potatoes or potato products.

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**§ 1207.511 Determination of assessable quantity.**

The assessable quantity of potatoes in any lot shall be determined on the basis of utilization. Assessments shall be due on the entire lot handled for human consumption, seed, or unspecified purposes if there is no accounting made on the basis of the utilization of such lot. However, if the accounting identifies all or portions of such lot on the basis of utilization, assessments shall be due only on that portion utilized for human consumption and seed.

**§ 1207.512 Designated handler.**

The assessment on each lot of potatoes produced in the 50 States of the United States and handled shall be paid by the designated handler as hereafter set forth.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in paragraphs (a)(8), (b), and (c) of this section, the designated handler shall be the first handler of such potatoes. The first handler is the person who initially performs a handler function as heretofore defined. Such person may be a

fresh shipper, processor, or other person who first places the potatoes in the channels of commerce. A producer who grades, packs, or otherwise performs handler functions thereby becomes a handler and as such assumes first handler responsibilities under this part. The following examples are provided to aid in identification of first handlers who are designated handlers:

(1) Producer delivers field-run potatoes of his own production to a handler for preparation for market. The handler in this instance is the designated handler, regardless of whether he subsequently handles such potatoes for his own account or for the account of the producer.

(2) Producer delivers field-run potatoes of his own production to a handler who takes title to such potatoes and places them in storage for subsequent handling. The handler who purchases such potatoes from the producer is the designated handler.

(3) Producer delivers field-run potatoes to a commercial storage facility for the purpose of holding such potatoes under his own account for later sale. There is no designated handler in this instance since such potatoes have not been handled as heretofore defined and no assessment is due. The designated handler of such potatoes would be identified on the basis of subsequent handling of such potatoes.

(4) Fresh shipper purchases a lot of potatoes from a producer, packs a portion of such potatoes for fresh market, and delivers the balance to a processor. The fresh shipper is the designated handler for all potatoes in the lot.

(5) Handler purchases potatoes from a producer's field or storage for the purpose of preparing such potatoes for market or for transporting such potatoes to storage for subsequent handling. The handler who purchases such potatoes from the producer is the designated handler.

(6) Producer packs and sells potatoes of his own production from the field, roadside stand, or storage to a consumer, itinerant trucker, or other buyer. In performing such handler functions the producer assumes the responsibility of designated handler.

(7) Processor utilizes potatoes of his own production in the manufacture of