

§ 1423.5 Exceptions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subpart:

(a) The financial, bond, and original and periodic warehouse examination provisions of this subpart do not apply to any warehouseman approved or applying for approval for the storage and handling of commodities under CCC programs if the warehouse is licensed under the U.S. Warehouse Act for such commodities, but a special examination shall be made of such warehouse whenever CCC determines such action is necessary.

(b) A warehouseman who has a net worth of at least \$25,000 but who fails, or whose warehouse fails, to meet one or more of the other standards of this subpart may be approved if:

(1) CCC determines that the warehouse services are needed and the warehouse storage and handling conditions provide satisfactory protection for the commodity, and

(2) The warehouseman furnishes such additional bond coverage (or cash or acceptable negotiable securities or legal liability insurance policy) as may be prescribed by CCC.

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§ 1423.6 Approval of warehouse, requests for reconsideration.

(a) CCC will approve a warehouse if it determines that the warehouse meets the standards set forth in this subpart. CCC will send a notice of approval to the warehouseman. Approval under this subpart, however, does not relieve the warehouseman of the responsibility for performing the warehouseman's obligations under any agreement with CCC or any other agency of the United States.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart:

(1) CCC will not approve the warehouse if CCC determines that the warehouse does not meet the standards set forth in this subpart; and

(2) CCC will send any notice of rejection of approval to the warehouseman. The notice will state the cause(s) for such action. Unless the warehouseman or any officials or supervisory employees of the warehouseman are suspended

or debarred, CCC will approve the warehouse if the warehouseman establishes that the causes for CCC's rejection of approval have been remedied.

(c) If rejection of approval by CCC is due to the warehouseman's failure to meet the standards set forth:

(1) In § 1423.2, other than the standard set forth in paragraph (c)(2) thereof, the warehouseman may, at any time after receiving notice of such action, request reconsideration of the action and present to the Director, KCCO, in writing, information in support of such request. The Director shall consider such information in making a determination and notify the warehouseman in writing of such determination. The warehouseman may, if dissatisfied with the Director's determination, obtain a review of the determination and an informal hearing thereon by filing an appeal with the Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations, Farm Service Agency (hereinafter referred to as "FSA"). The time of filing appeals, forms for requesting an appeal, nature of the informal hearing, determination and reopening of the hearing shall be as prescribed in the FSA regulations governing appeals, 7 CFR part 780. When appealing under such regulations, the warehouseman shall be considered as a "participant"; and

(2) In § 1423.2(c)(2), the warehouseman's administrative appeal rights with respect to suspension and debarment shall be in accordance with applicable CCC regulations. After expiration of a period of suspension or debarment, a warehouseman may, at any time, apply for approval under this subpart.

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§ 1423.7 Exemption from requirements.

(a) If warehousing services in any area cannot be secured under the provisions of this subpart, and no reasonable and economical alternative is available for securing such services, the President or Executive Vice President, CCC, may exempt, in writing, applicants in such area from one or more of the standards of this subpart and may establish such other standards as are considered necessary to safeguard satisfactorily the interests of CCC.

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(b) Warehousemen who are currently under contract with CCC will be required to meet the terms and conditions of these regulations at the time of renewal of their contract.

§ 1423.8 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to Paperwork Reduction Act.

The information collection requirements contained in this regulation (7 CFR part 1423, Subpart—Standards for Approval for Dry and Cold Storage Warehouses for Processed Agricultural Commodities, Extracted Honey, and Oils) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB Numbers 0560–0052, 0560–0044, 0560–0064, 0560–0065, 0560–0034, and 0560–0041.

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§ 1424.1 Applicability.

This part establishes the Bioenergy Program (Program). It sets forth the terms and conditions a bioenergy producer must meet to obtain payments from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for eligible bioenergy production. Additional terms and conditions are set forth in Form CCC–850, Bioenergy Program Agreement.

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§ 1424.2 Administration.

(a) On behalf of CCC, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will administer the provisions of this part under the general direction and supervision of the Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations (Deputy Administrator), FSA.

(b) The Deputy Administrator or a designee may authorize a waiver or modification of deadlines and other program requirements in cases where lateness or failure to meet such other requirements does not adversely affect the operation of the Program, and may set such additional requirements as will facilitate the operation of the program.

§ 1424.3 Definitions.

The definitions set forth in this section shall be applicable for all purposes of program administration under this subpart.

Agreement means the Bioenergy Program Agreement, Form CCC–850.

Application means the Bioenergy Program Application, Form CCC–850–A.

ATF is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the Department of the Treasury.

Biodiesel is a nontoxic, biodegradable replacement for or additive to petroleum diesel derived from the oils and fats of plants and animals and manufactured in the United States. Chemically, biodiesel is described as a mono alkyl ester.

Biodiesel producer is a producer that produces and sells biodiesel who is also registered and in good standing with Environmental Protection Agency under Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990, Title II, Section 211(b).

Bioenergy means ethanol and biodiesel produced from eligible commodities.

Eligible commodity means barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, rice, wheat, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, crambe, rapeseed, safflower, sesame seed, flaxseed, mustard seed, and cellulosic crops, such as switchgrass and short rotation trees, grown on farms for the purpose of producing ethanol and or biodiesel or any other commodity or commodity by-product as determined and announced by CCC used in ethanol