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(b) The net cost for storage and handling equipment may include purchase price, sales tax, shipping, and delivery charges. The net cost shall not include secondhand material or any other item that is determined by the approving authority to be ineligible for loan.

(c) The principal amount of any farm storage facility loan shall be 75 percent of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment not to exceed \$100,000. Borrowers are limited to obtaining one loan per fiscal year under this part.

(d) The aggregate outstanding balance of all facility loans for any one borrower may not exceed \$100,000.

(e) When a storage structure has a larger capacity than the applicant's needed capacity, as determined by CCC, the net cost eligible for a loan shall be prorated. Only costs associated with the applicant's needed storage capacity will be loan-eligible.

(f) The county FSA committee may approve applications, if loan funds are available, up to the maximum approval amount unless the State FSA committee establishes a lower limit for country FSA committee approval authority.

(g) Loan approvals will expire four months after the date of approval unless extended in writing for an additional four months by the State FSA committee.

§ 1436.10 Down payment.

(a) A minimum down payment representing the difference between the net cost of the storage facility and the amount of the loan determined in accordance with §1436.9 shall be made by the loan applicant to the supplier or contractor before the loan is disbursed.

(b) The down payment shall be in cash unless some other form of payment is approved by CCC.

(c) The down payment may not include any trade-in, discount, rebate, credit, deferred payment, post-dated check, or promissory note to the supplier or contractor.

§ 1436.11 Disbursement.

(a) Disbursement of the loan by CCC will be made when the farm storage facility has been delivered, erected, constructed, assembled, or installed and a

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CCC representative has inspected and approved such facility.

(b) Disbursement will be made only if the borrower furnishes satisfactory evidence of the total cost of the facility and payment of all debts on the facility in excess of the amount of the loan.

(c) Disbursement may be made jointly to the borrower and the contractor or supplier, except disbursement may be made to the borrower if CCC determines the borrower has paid the contractor or supplier all amounts that are due and owing with respect to the facility.

§ 1436.12 Interest.

(a) Loans shall bear interest at the rate equivalent to the rate of interest charged on Treasury securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved.

(b) The interest rate for each loan will remain in effect for the term of the loan.

(c) The loan applicant shall pay a non-refundable application fee of at least \$45 to CCC

§ 1436.13 Payment of loan.

(a) Equal installments of principal plus interest will be amortized over the loan term. Installments are due and payable by no later than the last day of each 12 month period of the loan, until the principal plus interest has been paid in full.

(b) The payment of each installment may be by cash, money order, wire transfer, or by personal, certified, or cashier's check. Repayment shall be applied first to accrued interest and then to principal.

(c) A claim will be established in accordance with 7 CFR part 1403 for the principal and accrued interest amount due and late payment interest for any installment that is not paid within 30 days after the due and payable date.

(d) Loan amounts outstanding, whether or not overdue, may be collected from payments that the borrower may otherwise be due to receive as marketing loan gains or other payments under 7 CFR part 1421 or 7 CFR part 1427. In the event that a claim is established against a borrower for any amount due under this part, the provisions of 7 CFR part 1403 may be used to

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recover the debt from other Federal payments or loans.

(e) CCC may declare the entire indebtedness immediately due and payable if the borrower violates any of the terms and conditions of this part, fails to pay any installment on time, or breaches any of the terms and conditions of any of the instruments executed in connection with the loan, or if the collateral is used in connection with any unauthorized commercial operation including, but not limited to, elevators, warehouses, dryers or processing plants, during the life of the loan.

(f) The loan may be paid in full or in part at any time before maturity.

(g) Upon payment of a loan, CCC shall release CCC's security interest in the collateral.

§ 1436.14 Taxes.

The borrower must pay all real and personal property taxes that may affect CCC's security interest in all collateral securing the note evidencing the loan. To protect its interests, CCC may pay any unpaid taxes with respect to the collateral securing a loan made in accordance with this part, and if CCC does so, the borrower shall reimburse CCC for such payment, and if unpaid by the borrower, such debt shall become part of the current installment due.

§ 1436.15 Maintenance.

(a) The borrower must maintain the loan collateral in a condition suitable for the storage of one or more of the facility loan commodities.

(b) Until the loan has been repaid, the borrower shall be liable for all damages to or destruction of the collateral. CCC shall not assume any loss of the loan collateral.

(c) CCC shall conduct annual collateral checks to insure compliance with this section.

(d) Structures must be insured against all perils in all cases and must also be insured against flooding if the structure is located in a flood plain, as determined by CCC. Proof of flood insurance, if required, and proof of all peril structural insurance, must be provided to CCC annually. CCC must be

listed as a loss payee on all peril and flood insurance policies.

(e) CCC shall have rights in ingress and egress where the facility is located. Failure of the borrower to secure such access will render a borrower ineligible for the loan and, if a loan has already been made shall constitute a loan violation for which the remaining balance of the loan shall become due immediately.

§ 1436.16 Sale or conveyance.

(a) The collateral or land securing a loan may be sold by CCC whenever CCC has declared the entire indebtedness immediately due and owing under this part or when the borrower voluntarily conveys the collateral to CCC before repaying the loan. Before a borrower sells or conveys the facilities or other property securing a loan without repaying the loan in full, the borrower shall obtain approval for the sale or conveyance from the county FSA committee.

(b) Assumption of a farm storage facility loan is permitted.

§ 1436.17 Environmental compliance.

(a) Except as otherwise specified in this section, prior to approval of any farm storage facility loan, an environmental evaluation will be completed to determine if the proposed action will have any adverse impacts on the environmental and cultural resources.

(b) If it is determined that a proposed action or group of proposed actions will not result in any adverse impact, the action will be considered as being categorically excluded for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508.

(c)(1) If adverse environmental impacts, either direct or indirect, are identified, an environmental assessment will be completed in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA to the extent required by law.

(2) The environmental assessment will be used to develop an action that results in no significant environmental impact on the human environment or cultural resources.