

notice of quota was received. Any application (Form MQ-53 available on request) whether made on Form MQ-53 or not, shall contain the following:

(1) Date of application and commodity (including type where applicable, e.g. Upland cotton, Flue-cured tobacco).

(2) Correct full name and address of applicant.

(3) Brief statement of each ground upon which the application is based.

(4) A statement of the amount of quota which it is claimed should have been established.

(5) Signature of applicant.

In any case where an application is timely filed for review of a quota on a farm which was reconstituted by division of a parent farm into two or more farms, such application shall be considered an application for review of the reconstitution of the parent farm. In any such case the farm operator of each farm resulting from such reconstitution shall be considered an applicant for purposes of this part with all the rights and privileges provided in this part. If an action may be taken by an applicant which affects the rights of any other applicant in the case, the other applicants shall be given the opportunity to concur in such action or to oppose such action.

(b) *Procedure where application is not timely filed.* The county committee shall examine each application for review. If the application is not filed within the prescribed 15-day period, the county executive director shall send a notice of untimely filing on Form MQ-54 by certified mail to the applicant at the address shown on the application. The applicant may file a request in writing with the county executive director within 15 days after the date of mailing such notice to him requesting a review committee hearing on the sole issue of whether the application was filed within the prescribed 15-day period. In the absence of timely request in writing for such review committee hearing, the application shall be deemed withdrawn by the applicant. If timely request in writing for such review committee hearing is filed, a copy of the application and request shall be forwarded by the county executive director to the State executive director

with a request that a hearing on the sole issue of timely filing be scheduled before the review committee. In cases involving the sole issue of timely filing of an application, the review committee shall determine whether the date the application was filed, or the postmark date in case of mailing by the applicant, was within the 15-day period. If the review committee determines that the application was timely filed, a hearing on the merits of the application shall be held. In addition, a hearing on the merits shall be conducted and the application treated as timely filed in any case where the review committee determines that the applicant in good faith requested review of his quota by the county or State committee under the regulations in part 780 of this chapter in reliance upon action or advice of any authorized representative of a county or State committee and subsequently filed application for review under this part within a reasonable time after he learns that the quota is subject to review committee jurisdiction.

(c) *Withdrawal of application.* An application may be withdrawn upon the written request of the applicant. Any application so withdrawn or deemed withdrawn under paragraph (b) of this section shall be endorsed by the clerk "Dismissed by the applicant".

(d) *Procedure where application is timely filed.* The county committee shall examine each application for review and where an application is found to be timely filed, the county executive director shall forward a copy of the application to the State executive director with a request that a hearing on the merits be scheduled before the review committee.

§ 711.15 Matters subject to review.

In all cases, the review committee shall consider only such factors as, under applicable provisions of law and regulations, are required or permitted to be considered by the county committee in the establishment of the quota being reviewed. The establishment of national marketing quotas and apportionment of national acreage allotments and marketing quotas among States and counties and the establishment of reserve acreages and quotas at

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the national level and apportionment of such reserves among States and counties are not subject to review by a review committee. Review of a quota may include any of the factors which enter into the establishment of such quota for the farm and crop year as set forth in §711.3(f): *Provided, however,* That any factor of such quota considered by a review committee in a prior determination for the farm and crop year shall not be considered in a subsequent review proceeding. For example, a determination of the farm acreage allotment by the review committee would not be reconsidered upon any application for review of the farm marketing excess for the same farm and crop year.

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§711.16 County committee answer.

(a) The county committee shall prepare a written answer to each application scheduled for hearing setting forth the pertinent facts, the applicable regulations, the data used in establishing the quota and any other matters deemed pertinent:

(b) *Provided,* That the answer may be limited to the issue of timely filing where the hearing is limited to that issue. If the county committee determines that the increase, adjustment or other determination requested in the application is proper in whole or in part, the written answer shall set forth the proposed determination and in such cases, the applicant shall be notified by the county committee of such proposed determination prior to the scheduled review hearing if practicable to do so. In the event the applicant is satisfied with the proposed determination, the county committee shall, upon the withdrawal of the application, take the necessary action to revise the quota within the limits of the Act and applicable commodity regulations if the required amount of acreage allotment or marketing quota is available in the county. The State executive director may perform the functions of the county committee under this section and the functions of the county committee and county executive director under §711.14 (b) and (d) in any case where the application for review involves a notice

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of farm marketing quota issued by officials other than the county committee.

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§711.17 Amendments.

Upon due request, and within the discretion of the review committee, the right to amend the application and all procedural documents in connection with any hearing, shall be granted upon such reasonable terms as the review committee may deem right and proper.

HEARING AND DETERMINATION

§711.18 Place and schedule of hearing.

The place of hearing shall be in the office of the county committee through which the quota sought to be reviewed was established, or such other appropriate place in the county as may be designated by the State executive director or by the review committee in cases arising under §711.21: *Provided, however,* That the place of hearing may be in some other county if agreed to in writing by the applicant. The State executive director shall schedule applications for hearings and forward such schedule to the clerk.

§711.19 Notice of hearing.

The clerk shall give written notice on Form MQ-56 to the applicant by depositing such notice in the U.S. mail, certified and addressed to the last known address of the applicant at least 10 days prior to the time appointed for the hearing and copies of such notice shall also be sent to the county committee and the State office. If the applicant requests waiver of such 10-day period, the hearing may be scheduled earlier upon consent of the other interested parties. The notice of the hearing shall specify the time and place of the hearing, contain a statement of the statutory authority for the hearing, state that the application will be heard by the review committee duly appointed for the area of venue in which the applicant's farm is located, and that a verbatim transcript may be obtained by the applicant if he makes arrangement therefor before the hearing and pays the expense thereof.