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honor an order for the release of cottonseed covered by a nonnegotiable receipt until he has first ascertained that the person issuing the order has authority to order such release and that the signature of the releasing party is genuine.

§ 742.24 Receipts for storage; one bin; several bins.

Any number of receipts may be issued for cottonseed in any one bin or compartment but a receipt shall not be issued for a lot of seed, a part of which is stored in one bin or compartment and a part in another bin or compartment.

§ 742.25 Omission of grade; no compulsion by warehouseman.

No licensed warehouseman shall, directly or indirectly by any means whatsoever, compel or attempt to compel the depositor of any cottonseed stored in his licensed warehouse to request the issuance of a receipt omitting the statement of grade.

DUTIES OF LICENSED WAREHOUSEMAN

§ 742.26 Cottonseed must be inspected.

No licensed warehouseman shall receive into his licensed warehouse for storage cottonseed other than as defined in § 742.2(i). Neither shall he receive such seed for storage until it has been inspected by an inspector licensed under this act and found by him to be in proper condition and suitable for storage.

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§ 742.27 Insurance requirements.

(a) Each licensed warehouseman when so requested in writing as to any cottonseed by the depositor thereof or lawful holder of the receipt covering such cottonseed shall, to the extent to which in the exercise of due diligence he is able to procure such insurance, keep such cottonseed while in his custody as a licensed warehouseman insured in his own name or arrange for its insurance otherwise to the extent so requested against loss or damage by fire, lightning, tornado, or flood. When insurance is not carried in the warehouseman's name the receipts

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shall show that the cottonseed is not insured by the warehouseman. Such insurance shall be covered by lawful policies issued by one or more insurance companies authorized to do such business, and subject to service of process in suits brought in the State where the warehouse is located. If the warehouseman is unable to procure such insurance to the extent requested, he shall, orally or by telegraph or by telephone and at his own expense, immediately notify the person making the request of the fact. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the warehouseman from adopting a rule that he will insure all cottonseed stored in his warehouse.

(b) Each warehouseman shall keep exposed conspicuously in the place prescribed by § 742.7 and at such other place as the Administrator or his representative may from time to time designate, a notice stating briefly the conditions under which the cottonseed will be insured against loss or damage by fire, lightning, tornado, or flood.

§ 742.28 Premiums; inspections; reports.

Each warehouseman shall, in accordance with his contracts with insurance and bonding companies for the purpose of meeting the insurance and bonding requirements of this part, pay such premium, permit such reasonable inspections and examinations, and make such reasonable reports as may be provided for in such contracts.

§ 742.29 Insurance; collection and payment.

Each warehouseman shall promptly take such steps as may be necessary and proper to collect any moneys which may become due under contracts of insurance entered into by him for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this part, and shall, as soon as collected, promptly pay over to the persons concerned, any portion of such moneys which they may be entitled to receive from him.

§ 742.30 Shrinkage; agreement.

At the time cottonseed is received for storage the warehouseman and the depositor shall agree upon an amount to

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be allowed for shrinkage while the cottonseed is in storage, such shrinkage to include loss caused by natural drying out of the cottonseed, but in no event shall the total amount of shrinkage exceed 5 percent of the weight of the cottonseed at the time it entered storage. In case no agreement as to shrinkage has been made, the difference in the moisture content of the cottonseed at the beginning of the storage period and at the time of delivery shall form a basis for calculating shrinkage.

§ 742.31 Care of cottonseed in storage.

Each warehouseman shall at all times exercise such care in regard to cottonseed in his custody as a reasonably careful owner would exercise under the same circumstances and conditions. He shall also equip his warehouse with thermometers to determine the temperature of the cottonseed while in storage and shall make readings of the thermometers with such frequency as the Administrator or his representatives may direct, and permanently record the same, but in no event shall such readings be made less frequently than every third working day. If the cottonseed attains a temperature of 110° F. the warehouseman shall immediately take such action as is necessary to lower the temperature. If the depositor of the cottonseed or any other person to whom he may have transferred title or interest in the cottonseed desires to make temperature determinations he shall be permitted to do so in company with the warehouseman or the warehouseman's representative.

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§ 742.32 Care of nonlicensed cottonseed, or other commodities.

If, at any time, a warehouseman shall handle or store cottonseed otherwise than as a licensed warehouseman, or shall handle or store any other commodity, he shall so protect the same, and otherwise exercise such care with respect to it, as not to endanger the cottonseed in his custody as a licensed warehouseman or impair his ability to

meet his obligations and perform his duties under the act and the regulations in this part.

§ 742.33 Records to be kept in safe place.

Each warehouseman shall provide a metal fireproof safe, a fireproof vault or a fireproof compartment in which he shall keep, when not in actual use, all records, books, and papers pertaining to the licensed warehouse, including his current receipt book, copies of receipts issued and canceled receipts, except that with the written consent of the Administrator, or his representative, upon a showing by such warehouseman that it is not practicable to provide such fireproof safe, vault, or compartment, he may keep such records, books, and papers in some other place of safety, approved by the Administrator or his representative. Each canceled receipt shall be retained by the warehouseman for a period of six years after December 31 of the year in which the receipt is canceled and for such longer period as may be necessary for the purposes of any litigation which the warehouseman knows to be pending, or as may be required by the Administrator in particular cases to carry out the purposes of the act. Canceled receipts shall be arranged by the warehouseman in numerical order and otherwise in such manner as shall be directed, for purposes of audit, by authorized officers or agents of the Department of Agriculture.

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§ 742.34 Warehouse charges.

A warehouseman shall not make any unreasonable or exorbitant charge for services rendered. Before a license to conduct a warehouse is granted under the act the warehouseman shall file with the Administrator a copy of his rules and a schedule of charges to be made by him if licensed. Before making any change in such rules or schedule of charges he shall file with the Administrator a statement in writing showing the proposed change and the reasons