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(6) Number of years engaged in lime business;

(7) Estimated seasonal volume of limes handled;

(8) Name and address of three references, one of which shall be a bank;

(9) Certification as to accuracy of information furnished; and

(10) An agreement to comply with the provisions of this part.

(b) When the committee receives an application for registration, it shall issue the applicant a certificate of registration, if it determines based upon an investigation that the applicant may be expected to handle limes in accordance with this part.

(c) If it is determined from the available information that the applicant is not entitled to be registered with the committee, he shall be so informed by written notice stating why the certificate of registration was not issued.

(d) Any certificate of registration issued to a handler pursuant to this section may be canceled by the committee under circumstances which would have justified denial of his application.

(e) The committee shall suspend the certificate of registration issued under this section of any handler who fails to pay assessments or furnish reports as required under this part, and so advise the handler in writing of the suspension and the effective date. The committee shall lift such suspension at such time as the handler pays such assessments and furnishes such reports, and the committee determines that the handler may be expected to handle limes in the future in accordance with this part.

[20 FR 6018, Aug. 18, 1955. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 49 FR 33203, Aug. 22, 1984]

§911.130 Limes not subject to regulation.

(a) *Minimum quantity.* During any one day any handler may handle not to exceed 55 pounds total of limes exempt from the provisions of §§911.41, 911.51, and 911.54, and the regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That such exempted quantity shall not be included as part of a shipment exceeding 55 pounds.

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(b) *Gift shipments.* Any handler may, exempt from the provisions of §§911.41, 911.48, and 911.51, and the regulations issued thereunder, handle limes in individually addressed gift containers not exceeding 20 pounds net weight for use by the addressee other than for resale.

(c) *Commercial processing into products.* The term *commercial processing into products*, as used in §911.52(c) means the manufacture of any lime product which has been preserved by any recognized commercial process, including canning, freezing, dehydrating, drying, the addition of chemical substances, or by fermentation. Limes handled for conversion into juice without further processing or preservative treatment, as herein described, shall be deemed fresh limes subject to all regulations under this part.

[21 FR 3413, May 23, 1956, as amended at 23 FR 9259, Nov. 29, 1958. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, and amended at 30 FR 10834, Aug. 20, 1965; 43 FR 39321, Sept. 5, 1978]

§911.131 Limes for processing.

(a) No person shall handle any limes for commercial processing into products unless (1) such limes meet the applicable grade, size, and quality requirements in effect pursuant to §911.52; or (2) prior to such handling such person notifies the Florida Lime Administrative Committee of the proposed handling and furnishes such committee with a statement executed by the intended processor that the limes will be used for the stated purpose only; or (3) the processor is an approved manufacturer of lime products, as prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Any person who desires to buy, as an approved manufacturer of lime products, limes for commercial processing shall, prior thereto, submit to the Florida Lime Administrative Committee an application containing the following information: (1) Name and address of applicant; (2) location of processing facilities; (3) proposed type of product or products to be made or derived from limes; (4) description of facilities for processing limes; (5) quantity of limes processed during the previous year and estimate of quantity to be processed during current year; (6) expected source of limes for processing;

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(7) method of transporting and unloading point; (8) Lime Administrative Committee handler certificate of registration number, if any; (9) a statement that the limes obtained for processing into products will be used for that purpose only and will not be resold or disposed of in fresh fruit channels; and (10) an agreement to submit such reports as are required by the Florida Lime Administrative Committee. Each application shall be investigated by the Florida Lime Administrative Committee. Based upon the results of such investigation and other available information, the committee shall approve or disapprove the application and notify the applicant accordingly. If the application is approved the applicant's name shall be placed upon the list of approved manufacturers of lime products.

[21 FR 6637, Sept. 5, 1956, as amended at 25 FR 11206, Nov. 26, 1960. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961]

§911.142 Reserve fund.

(a) The establishment of a reserve fund at an amount not to exceed approximately 3 fiscal years' operational expenses is appropriate and necessary to the maintenance and functioning of the Florida Lime Administrative Committee. Such reserve, including funds carried forward from prior fiscal years, shall be used to provide for the maintenance and functioning of the committee in accordance with the provisions of the marketing agreement, as amended, and this part.

(b) Terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as when used in said amended marketing agreement and order.

[36 FR 16570, Aug. 24, 1971. Redesignated at 45 FR 47653, July 16, 1980]

§911.155 Delinquent assessments.

Each handler shall pay interest of one percent per month on any unpaid assessment balance beginning 30 days after date of billing. Such interest charge is to apply to any unpaid assessments which become due the Florida Lime Administrative Committee after the effective date of this section.

[40 FR 49786, Oct. 24, 1975]

§911.160 Public member eligibility requirements and nomination procedures.

(a) Public member and alternate member candidates shall not represent an agricultural interest and shall not have a financial interest in, or be associated with the production, processing, financing, or marketing of limes.

(b) Public member and alternate member candidates should be able to devote sufficient time to attend committee activities regularly and to familiarize themselves with the background and economics of the time industry.

(c) The public member and alternate member shall be a resident of the production area.

(d) The public member and alternate member shall be nominated by the Florida Lime Administrative Committee, and shall serve a one-year term which coincides with the term of the producer and handler members of the committee.

[44 FR 9370, Feb. 13, 1979]

EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979, "Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment" regulations (e.g., sections .200 through .299) and "Handling" regulations (e.g., sections .345 through .399) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

Subpart—Assessment Rates

§911.234 Assessment rate.

On and after April 1, 1998, an assessment rate of \$0.16 per bushel container is established for Florida limes.

[63 FR 15281, Mar. 31, 1998]

Subpart—Pack Regulation

§911.311 Florida lime pack and container marking regulation.

(a) No handler shall handle any limes grown in the production area, of the group known as seedless, large fruited, or Persian limes (including Tahiti, Bearss and similar varieties), in any container specified in §911.329, unless