

## § 736.9

### § 736.9 Warehouse license; suspension; revocation.

Pending investigation, the Secretary, or his designated representative, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a warehouseman's license temporarily without hearing. Upon written request and a satisfactory statement of reasons therefor, submitted by a warehouseman, the Secretary, or his designated representative, may, without hearing, suspend or revoke the license issued to such warehouseman. The Secretary, or his designated representative, may, after opportunity for hearing has been afforded in the manner prescribed in this section, suspend or revoke a license issued to a warehouseman when such warehouseman—

(a) Does not have a net worth of at least \$50,000;

(b) Has parted, in whole or in part, with his control over the licensed warehouse;

(c) Is in process of dissolution or has been dissolved;

(d) Has ceased to operate such licensed warehouse;

(e) Has in any other manner become nonexistent or incompetent or incapacitated to conduct the business of the warehouse;

(f) Has made unreasonable or exorbitant charges for services rendered;

(g) Is operating in the same city or town in which his licensed warehouse facilities are located, any facility for storage of grain which is not covered by a license or an exemption as provided in § 736.3a; or

(h) Has in any other manner violated or failed to comply with any provision of the act or the regulations in this part. Whenever any of the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) through (h) of this section shall come into existence, it shall be the duty of the warehouseman to notify the Administrator immediately of the existing condition. Before a license is revoked or suspended (other than temporarily pending investigation) for any violation of, or failure to comply with, any provision of the act or of the regulations in this part, or upon the ground that unreasonable or exorbitant charges have been made for services rendered, the warehouseman involved

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shall be furnished by the Secretary, or his designated representative, a written statement, specifying the charges and shall be allowed a reasonable time within which he may answer the same in writing and apply for a hearing, an opportunity for which shall be afforded in accordance with § 736.99.

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### § 736.10 Return of suspended or revoked license.

In case a license issued to a warehouseman terminates or is suspended or revoked by the Secretary or his designated representative, such license shall be immediately returned to the Secretary. At the expiration of any period of suspension of such license, unless it be in the meantime revoked, the dates of the beginning and termination of the suspension shall be indorsed thereon, it shall be returned to the warehouseman to whom it was originally issued and it shall be posted as prescribed in § 736.8: *Provided*, That in the discretion of the Secretary, or his designated representative, a new license may be issued without reference to the suspension.

### § 736.11 Lost or destroyed warehouse license.

Upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction of a license issued to a warehouseman, a duplicate thereof, or a new license may be issued under the same number.

### § 736.12 Unlicensed warehousemen must not represent themselves as licensed.

No warehouse or its warehouseman shall be designated as licensed under the act, and no name or description conveying the impression that it or he is so licensed shall be used, either in a receipt or otherwise, unless such warehouseman holds an unsuspended and unrevoked license for the conduct of such warehouse.

## WAREHOUSE BONDS

**§ 736.13 Bond required; time of filing.**

Each warehouseman applying for a warehouse license under the Act shall, before such license is granted, file with the Secretary or his designated representative a bond either:

(a) In the form of a bond containing the following conditions and such other terms as the Secretary or his designated representative may prescribe in the approved bond forms, with such changes as may be necessary to adapt the forms to the type of legal entity involved:

Now, therefore, if the said license(s) or any amendments thereto be granted and said principal, and its successors and assigns operating said warehouse(s), shall faithfully perform during the period of this bond all obligations of a licensed warehouseman under the terms of the Act and regulations thereunder relating to the above-named products;

Then this obligation shall be null and void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force. For purposes of this bond, the aforesaid obligations under the Act and regulations and contracts include obligations under any and all modifications of the Act, the regulations, and the contracts that may hereafter be made, notice of which modifications to the surety being hereby waived.

This obligation shall be and remain in full force and effect for a minimum of one year beginning with the effective date and shall be considered a continuous bond thereafter until terminated as herein provided. The total liability of the surety is limited to the penal amount hereof, for liabilities that accrue during the term hereof.

This obligation shall be and remain in full force and effect from date of issue until one hundred twenty (120) days after notice in writing of cancellation shall have been received by the Secretary from the principal or surety. If said notice shall be given by the surety, a copy thereof shall be mailed on the same day to the principal. Cancellation of this bond and cancellation of any of its provisions shall not affect any liability accrued thereon at the time of said notice or which may accrue thereon during the one hundred twenty (120) days after such notice.

A bond in this form shall be subject to 7 CFR 736.6, and 736.14 through 736.17, and 31 CFR part 225, or

(b) In the form of a certificate of participation in and coverage by an indemnity or insurance fund as approved by the Secretary, established and maintained by a State, backed by the full faith and credit of the applicable

State, and which guarantees depositors of the licensed warehouse full indemnification for the breach of any obligation of the licensed warehouseman under the terms of the Act and regulations. A certificate of participation and coverage in such fund shall be furnished to the Secretary annually. If administration or application of the fund shall change after being approved by the Secretary, the Secretary may revoke his approval. Such revocation shall not affect a depositor's rights which have arisen prior to such revocation. Upon such revocation the licensed warehouseman then must comply with paragraph (a). Such certificate of participation shall not be subject to §§ 736.14 and 736.15, or

(c) In the form of a deposit with the Secretary as security, United States, bonds, Treasury notes, or other public debt obligations of the United States or obligations which are unconditionally guaranteed as to both interest and principal by the United States, in a sum equal at their par value to the amount of the penal bond required to be furnished, together with an irrevocable power of attorney and agreement in the form prescribed, authorizing the Secretary to collect or sell, assign and transfer such bonds or notes so deposited in case of any default in the performance of any of the conditions or stipulations of such penal bond. Obligations posted in accordance with this paragraph may not be withdrawn by the warehouseman until one year after license termination or until satisfaction of any claims against the obligations whichever is later. A bond in this form shall be subject to 7 CFR 736.6 and 736.14 through 736.17 and 31 CFR part 225.

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**§ 736.14 Amount of bond; additional amounts.**

(a) The amount of bond to be furnished for each warehouse under the regulations in this part shall be fixed at a rate of 20 cents per bushel for the first 1,000,000 bushels of licensed capacity; 15 cents per bushel for the next 1,000,000 bushels of licensed capacity; and 10 cents per bushel for all licensed capacity over 2,000,000 bushels: *Provided*, That in any case the amount of