

nonstorage grain under § 736.19(c) of this part.

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§ 736.3 Application form.

Applications for licenses and for amendments of licenses under the act shall be made to the Secretary upon prescribed forms furnished by the Service, shall be in English, shall truly state the information therein contained, and shall be signed by the applicant. The applicant shall at any time furnish such additional information as the Secretary, or his designated representative, shall find to be necessary to the consideration of his application.

§ 736.3a All facilities to be licensed or exempted.

All facilities within the same city or town used for the storage of grain by an applicant for a warehouse license must qualify for a license and be licensed under the act if the applicant is to be licensed to operate as a grain warehouseman in such city or town, unless the facilities which are not to be covered by a license are exempted by the Secretary or his designated representative upon a finding that, due to the exercise of adequate controls by some independent agency over the operation of the nonfederally licensed facilities, there would be no likelihood of interchange, substitution, or commingling of grain stored in such facilities with grain stored in the federally licensed facilities. If all such facilities do not qualify for a license or for an exemption under this section, the applicant shall not be licensed under the act as a grain warehouseman in the city or town in which the facilities in question are located. Each applicant for a grain warehouse license must apply for a license covering all facilities operated by him for the storage of grain within the same city or town or for exemption as provided in this section. If a licensed grain warehouseman acquires any addi-

tional grain storage facilities within the same city or town in which his licensed warehouse is located, he shall file promptly an application for a license or an exemption of the additional facilities. No grain storage facility acquired by a licensed grain warehouseman, subsequent to the issuance of his license, in the same city or town as his licensed facilities, shall be used for the storage of grain until it qualifies for license and is licensed or is exempted as provided in this section. If any one of the licensed grain storage facilities operated by a warehouseman in the same city or town becomes ineligible for a license at any time for any reason, it shall not thereafter be used for the storage of grain until the condition making it ineligible is removed or an exemption is granted as provided in this section. The use for the storage of grain by a licensed warehouseman of a facility which is in the same city or town as his licensed facilities and is neither licensed nor exempted, or other violation of the provisions of this section, shall be cause for suspension or revocation of any license issued to the warehouseman for the storage of grain.

§ 736.4 Scales; bin numbers.

(a) Each warehouse must be equipped with suitable scales in good order, and so arranged that all grain, whether for storage or for nonstorage purposes, can be weighed in and out of the warehouse. The scales in any warehouse shall be subject to examination by representatives of the Department and to disapproval by the Administrator. If he disapproves any weighing apparatus, it shall not thereafter be used in ascertaining the weight of grain for the purposes of this act, until such disapproval be withdrawn.

(b) Both bulk grain bins and compartments for sacked grain of all warehouses licensed under the act shall be identified by means of clearly discernible numbers securely affixed thereto. The series of numbers to be used shall be approved by the Service. Bulk grain bins shall be numbered so as to be easily identified at the openings on top and also on or near the outlet valves underneath. Compartments shall be

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numbered in such a manner as to clearly show the space covered by each number.

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§ 736.6 Financial requirements.

(a) Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed, or for which application for a license has been made under the regulations in this part, shall maintain complete, accurate and current financial records.

(b) Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse for which application for license is made shall provide with this application and each warehouseman licensed under these regulations annually, or more frequently if required, shall furnish to the Secretary financial statements from the records required in paragraph (a) of this section prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles. Such statements shall include but not be limited to: (1) Balance sheet, (2) statement of income (profit and loss), (3) statement of retained earnings, and (4) statement of changes in financial position. The chief executive officer for the warehouseman shall certify under penalties of perjury that the statements as prepared accurately reflect the financial condition of the warehouseman as of the date named and fairly represent the results of operations for the period named.

(c) Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under these regulations shall have the financial statements required in paragraph (b) of this section audited by an independent certified public accountant. Alternatively, financial statements audited or reviewed by an independent public accountant will be accepted with the understanding that the warehouseman will be subject to an additional on-site examination by the Secretary and to an audit by the Secretary. Audits and reviews by independent certified public accountants and independent public accountants specified in this section shall be made in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The accountant's certification, assurances, opinion, comments, and notes on such statements, if any, shall be furnished along with the state-

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ments. Licensees who cannot immediately meet these requirements may apply to the Secretary for a temporary waiver of this provision. The Secretary may grant such waiver for a temporary period not to exceed 180 days if the licensee can furnish evidence of good and substantial reasons therefor.

(d) Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse which is licensed under the regulations in this part, or for which application for such a license has been made, shall have and maintain:

(1) Total net assets liable and available for the payment of any indebtedness arising from the conduct of the warehouse of at least 25 cents multiplied by the warehouse capacity in bushels, however, no person may be licensed or remain licensed as a warehouseman under this part unless that person has allowable net assets of at least \$50,000, (Any deficiency in net assets above the \$50,000 minimum may be supplied by an increase in the amount of the warehouseman's bond in accordance with § 736.14(c) of this part); and

(2) Total current assets equal to or exceeding total current liabilities or assurance that funds will be available to meet current obligations.

(e) In case a warehouseman is licensed or is applying for licenses to operate two or more warehouses under the regulations in this part, the maximum number of bushels which all such warehouses will accommodate when stored in the manner customary to the warehouses, as determined by the Administrator, shall be considered in determining whether the warehouseman meets the net assets requirements specified in paragraph (d) of this section.

(f) Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe and for the purposes of determining allowable assets and liabilities under paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section:

(1) Capital stock shall not be considered a liability;

(2) Appraisals of the value of fixed assets in excess of the book value claimed in the financial statement submitted by warehousemen to conform with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section may be allowed by the Secretary if prepared by independent appraisers acceptable to the Secretary;