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§ 737.4 Grounds for not issuing license.

A license for the conduct of a warehouse shall not be issued if it be found by the Secretary, or his designated representative, that the warehouse is not suitable for the proper storage of tobacco, that the warehouseman is insolvent or is incompetent to conduct such warehouse in accordance with the act and the regulations in this part, or that there is any other sufficient reason within the purposes of the act for not issuing such license. Further, a license shall not be issued for any place to which tobacco is delivered by the producers or their agents for the purposes of obtaining CCC price support advances and for the display and auction of tobacco.

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§ 737.5 Net assets.

Each warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed, or for which application for license has been made, shall have and maintain, above all exemptions and liabilities, net assets liable for the payment of any indebtedness arising from the conduct of the warehouse, to the extent of at least \$5 per 1,000 pounds of the maximum number of pounds of tobacco that the warehouse will accommodate when stored in the manner customary to the warehouse, as determined by the Administrator, except that the amount of such assets shall not be less than \$5,000 and need not be more than \$100,000. In case such warehouseman has applied for licenses to conduct two or more warehouses in the same State, the assets applicable to all of which shall be subject to the liabilities of each, such warehouses shall be deemed to be one warehouse for the purposes of the assets required under this section. For the purposes of this section only, paid-in capital stock, as such, shall not be considered a liability. A deficiency in such assets may be supplied by an increase in the amount of the licensed warehouseman's bond in accordance with § 737.12(b).

§ 737.6 Posting license.

Immediately upon receipt of his license or of any amendment thereto under the act, the warehouseman shall

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post the same, and thereafter, except as otherwise provided in the regulations in this part, keep it posted until suspended or terminated, in a conspicuous place in the principal office where receipts issued by such warehouseman are delivered to depositors.

§ 737.7 Suspension or revocation of license.

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, revoke a license issued to a warehouseman when such warehouseman (a) is bankrupt or insolvent, (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 conduct such licensed warehouse, or (e) has in any other manner become nonexistent or incompetent or incapacitated to conduct the business of the warehouse. Whenever any of the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section shall come into existence it shall be the duty of the warehouseman to notify immediately the Administrator of the existing condition. Before a license is revoked 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 shall be furnished by the Secretary, or by 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 § 737.78.