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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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§ 738.29 Reports; copies.

(a) Each warehouseman shall from time to time make such reports as the Administrator or his representative may require, on forms furnished for the purpose by the Service, concerning the condition, contents, operation, and business of the warehouse.

(b) Each warehouseman shall keep on file, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of three years after December 31 of the year in which submitted, an exact copy of each report submitted by such warehouseman under the regulations in this part. Copies of grade and weight certificates as are required to be filed by him by § 738.57 shall be retained, as a part of the records of the warehouse, for a period of one year after December 31 of the year in which the receipt based on such certificates is canceled.

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§ 738.30 Canceled receipts; auditing.

Each warehouseman, if requested by the Service, shall forward canceled receipts for auditing to an entity or office of the Service as may be designated from time to time.

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§ 738.31 Warehouse charges.

A warehouseman shall not make any unreasonable or exorbitant charge for services rendered. Before a license to conduct a warehouse is granted the warehouseman shall file with the Service 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 Service a statement in writing showing the proposed change and the reasons therefor. Each warehouseman shall keep exposed conspicuously, in the place prescribed by § 738.6 and at such other place, accessible to the public, as the Department may from time to time designate, a copy of his current rules and schedule of charges.

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§ 738.33 Examination of warehouses.

Each warehouseman shall permit any officer or agent of the Department, authorized by the Secretary, or his designated representative, for the purpose, to enter and inspect or examine at any time any warehouse for the conduct of which such warehouseman holds a license, the office thereof, the books, records, papers, and accounts relating thereto, and the contents thereof, and shall furnish such officer or agent the assistance necessary to enable him to make any such inspection or examination under this section.

§ 738.34 Identity-preserved wool.

Upon the acceptance by a warehouseman for storage in his warehouse of any lot of wool, the identity of which is to be preserved, he shall store, or cause to be stored, such wool in an individual section or space designated by lot numbers, or by letters, or other clearly distinguishing words or signs, permanently and securely affixed thereto, or shall so mark the container or containers of such wool or so place the wool in the warehouses that its identity will not be lost during the storage period.

§ 738.35 Arrangement of wool.

Each warehouseman shall arrange the bags or bales of wool in his warehouse so that each lot can be identified

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and the bags or bales in each lot readily checked. If tiered the bags or bales may be stored in double rows but one end of each bag so tiered shall face an aisle. Bulk wool shall be so stored that it may readily be measured and the quantity therein estimated. To each lot whether of bagged, baled, or bulk wool shall be secured a tag, which shall always be accessible and plainly visible, showing the lot or pile number and the number of bags or bales and, if bulk wool, the pounds of wool therein. For any wool which has been temporarily removed from a lot for display, sampling, or other purposes proper notation shall be made on the reverse side of the lot tag showing the quantity so removed and its location. Such notation shall be stricken out upon the return of the wool to its lot.

§ 738.36 Wet or fire-damaged wool.

A warehouseman shall not store any wool that is excessively wet in contact with any other wool in the warehouse. A warehouseman shall not store in the same compartment with wool that has not been damaged by fire any bag or lot of wool that has been damaged by fire until the fire-damaged wool has been removed from the bag or lot, and then he shall not store it in contact with wool that has not been so damaged.

§ 738.37 Care of wool and other commodities.

(a) Each warehouseman shall at all times, including any period of suspension of his license, exercise such care in regard to wool in his custody as a reasonably careful owner would exercise under the same circumstances and conditions. The warehouseman shall not handle or store wool in such manner as may tend to injure or damage the wool.

(b) If, at any time, a warehouseman shall handle or receive wool 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 wool in his custody as a licensed warehouseman or impair the insurance thereon or his ability to meet his obligations and perform his duties under

the act and the regulations in this part.

§ 738.38 Warehouse to be kept clean.

Each warehouseman shall keep his warehouse clean and free from trash, dust, rubbish, and scattered wool. He shall also exercise every precaution to keep his warehouse free of moths and other pests.

§ 738.39 Business hours.

(a) Each warehouse shall be kept open for the purpose of receiving wool for storage and delivering wool out of storage every business day, excepting Saturdays when the period may be shorter, for a period of not less than 6 hours between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) If the warehouse is not kept open regularly as required in paragraph (a) of this section, the warehouseman shall keep conspicuously posted on the door of the public entrance to his office and to his warehouse a notice showing the hours during which the warehouse will be kept open and the name of an accessible person, with the address where he is to be found, who shall be authorized to deliver wool stored in such warehouse, upon lawful demand by the depositor thereof or the holder of the receipt therefor.

§ 738.40 Excess storage.

If at any time a warehouseman is offered wool in such quantity that to store it would result in exceeding his licensed capacity, he shall so arrange the wool as not to obstruct free access thereto and the proper use of sprinkler or other fire protection equipment provided for such warehouse and shall immediately apply to the Administrator to have the licensed capacity increased. Until such increase is granted, no receipt shall be issued for such wool.

§ 738.41 Removal of wool from warehouse.

Unless it becomes absolutely necessary to protect the wool, no wool covered by receipts issued under the act shall be removed from a warehouse, except as provided in § 738.42, and immediately upon any such removal the