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(b) *The act.* The United States Warehouse Act, approved August 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 486, 7 U.S.C. 241-273), as amended.

(c) *Person.* An individual, corporation, partnership, or two or more persons having a joint or common interest.

(d) *Secretary.* The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

(e) *Administrator.* The Administrator of the Service or any other officer or employee of the Service to whom authority has heretofore lawfully been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter lawfully be delegated, to act in his stead.

(f) *Designated representative.* The Administrator.

(g) *Regulations.* Regulations made under the act by the Secretary.

(h) *Service.* The Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(i) *Warehouse.* Unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context, any suitable building, structure, or other protected inclosure in which sirup is or may be stored for interstate or foreign commerce, or, if located within any place under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, in which sirup is or may be stored, and for which a license has been issued under the act.

(j) *Warehouseman.* Unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context, any person lawfully engaged in the business of storing sirup and holding a warehouse license.

(k) *License.* A license issued under the act by the Secretary.

(l) *Licensed warehouseman's bond.* A bond required to be given under the act by a licensed warehouseman.

(m) *Licensed inspector.* A person licensed under the act by the Secretary to inspect, to sample, to grade, and to certificate the grade and condition for storage of sirup.

(n) *Licensed weigher.* A person licensed under the act by the Secretary to weigh and to certificate the weight for storage of sirup.

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(o) *Receipt.* A warehouse receipt.

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WAREHOUSE LICENSES

§741.3 Application forms.

Applications for licenses and for modifications or extensions of licenses under the act shall be made to the Secretary upon forms prescribed for the purpose and furnished by the Service, 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 the Administrator shall find to be necessary to the consideration of his application.

§741.4 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 sirup, that the warehouseman is incompetent to conduct such warehouse in accordance with the act and this part, or that there is any other sufficient reason within the purposes of the act for not issuing such license.

§741.5 Net assets required.

The warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed or for which application for license has been made under the act 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 cents per gallon of sugarcane sirup and 10 cents per gallon of maple sirup or honey, of the maximum number of gallons 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. If 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

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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. Any deficiency in the required net assets may be supplied by an increase in the amount of the warehouseman's bond in accordance with § 741.12.

§ 741.6 License shall be posted.

Immediately upon receipt of his license or of any modification or extension thereof under the act, the warehouseman shall post the same, and thereafter, except as otherwise provided 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.

§ 741.7 Suspension or revocation of warehouse licenses.

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 when possible 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 incompetent or incapacitated to conduct the business of the warehouse. Whenever any of the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (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 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 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 § 741.73.

§ 741.8 Return of terminated, suspended, or revoked warehouse license.

When a license issued to a warehouseman terminates or is suspended, or revoked, by the Secretary, or his designated representative, it shall be 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 endorsed thereon, it shall be returned to the licensed warehouseman to whom it was originally issued, and it shall be posted as prescribed in § 741.6: *Provided*, That in the discretion of the Administrator a new license may be issued without reference to the suspension.

§ 741.9 Lost or destroyed warehouse license.

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

§ 741.10 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 is or he is so licensed shall be used, either in a receipt or otherwise, unless such warehouseman holds an unsuspended or unrevoked license, for the conduct of such warehouse.

WAREHOUSE BONDS

§ 741.11 Bond required; time of filing.

Each warehouseman applying for a warehouse license under the act shall, before such license is granted, file with