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and sign their name on the "County FSA Office Sign-up Sheet." A person whose name does not appear on the county FSA office list may participate in the sign-up period. Such person must be identified on FSA-578 during the representative period or provide documentation that demonstrates that the person was a cotton producer during the representative period. Cotton producers not listed on the FSA-578 shall submit at least one sales receipt for cotton they planted during the representative period. Cotton producers must make requests to the county FSA office where the producer's farm is located. If the producer's land is in more than one county, the producer shall make request at the county office where FSA administratively maintains and processes the producer's farm records. It is the responsibility of the person to provide the information needed by the county FSA office to determine eligibility. It is not the responsibility of the county FSA office to obtain this information. If any person whose name does not appear on the county FSA office list fails to provide at least one sales receipt for the cotton they produced during the representative period, the county FSA office shall determine that such person is ineligible to participate in the sign-up period, and shall note ineligible in the remarks section next to the person's name on the county FSA office sign-up sheet. In lieu of personally appearing at a county FSA office, eligible producers may request a sign-up form from the county FSA office where the producer's farm is located. If the producer's land is in more than one county, the producer shall make the request for the sign-up form at the county office where FSA administratively maintains and processes the producer's farm records. Such request must be accompanied by a copy of at least one sales receipt for cotton they produced during the representative period. The appropriate FSA office must receive all completed forms and supporting documentation by August 30, 2002.

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Staff (ORAS), shall begin counting requests no later than September 3, 2002. FSA shall determine the number of eligible persons who favor the conduct of a continuance referendum.

[62 FR 1660, Jan. 13, 1997, as amended at 67 FR 21170, Apr. 30, 2002]

§ 1205.29 Reporting results.

(a) Each county FSA office shall prepare and transmit to the state FSA office, by September 10, 2002, a written report of the number of eligible producers who requested the conduct of a referendum, and the number of ineligible persons who made requests.

(b) ORAS shall prepare, by September 10, 2002, a written report of the number of eligible importers who requested the conduct of a referendum, and the number of ineligible persons who made requests.

(c) Each state FSA office shall, by September 17, 2002, forward all county reports to ORAS. By September 24, 2002, ORAS shall forward its report of the total number of eligible producers and importers that requested a continuance referendum, through the sign-up period, to the Deputy Administrator, Cotton Program, AMS, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0224.

(d) The Chief of the Research and Promotion Staff, Cotton Program, shall prepare a report of the requests received, including the number of eligible persons who requested the conduct of a referendum, and the number of ineligible persons who made requests, to the Deputy Administrator of the Cotton Program, and shall maintain one copy of the report where it will be available for public inspection for a period of 5 years following the end of the sign-up period.

(e) The Deputy Administrator of the Cotton Program shall prepare and submit to the Secretary a report of the results of the sign-up period. The Secretary will conduct a referendum if requested by 10 percent or more of the number of cotton producers and importers voting in the most recent (July 1991) referendum, but not more than 20 percent of the total requests counted toward the 10 percent figure may be from producers in any one state or

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from importers of cotton. The Secretary shall announce the results of the sign-up period in a separate notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 1205.30 Instructions and forms.

The Administrator is hereby authorized to prescribe additional instructions and forms consistent with the provisions of this subpart to govern conduct of the sign-up period.

Subpart—Cotton Research and Promotion Order

SOURCE: 31 FR 16758, Dec. 31, 1966, unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITIONS

§ 1205.301 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

§ 1205.302 Act.

Act means the Cotton Research and Promotion Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2101-2118; Public Law 89-502, 80 Stat 279, as amended).

[56 FR 64472, Dec. 10, 1991]

§ 1205.303 Person.

Person means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other entity.

§ 1205.304 Cotton.

Cotton means:

(a) All Upland cotton harvested in the United States, and, except as used in §§ 1205.311 and 1205.335, includes cottonseed of such cotton and the products derived from such cotton and its seed, and

(b) Imports of Upland cotton, including the Upland cotton content of the products derived thereof. The term "cotton" shall not, however, include:

(1) Any entry of imported cotton by an importer which has a value or weight less than a de minimis amount

established in regulations issued by the Secretary and

(2) Industrial products as that term is defined by regulation.

[56 FR 64472, Dec. 10, 1991]

§ 1205.305 Upland cotton.

Upland cotton means all cultivated varieties of the species *Gossypium hirsutum* L.

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§ 1205.306 Bale.

Except as used in § 1205.322, *Bale* means the package of lint cotton produced at a cotton gin or the amount of processed cotton in a manufactured product that is equivalent to a 500 pound bale of lint cotton.

[56 FR 64472, Dec. 10, 1991]

§ 1205.307 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period is the 12-month budgetary period and means the calendar year unless the Cotton Board, with the approval of the Secretary, selects some other 12-months budgetary period.

[31 FR 16758, Dec. 31, 1966. Redesignated at 56 FR 64472, Dec. 10, 1991]

§ 1205.308 Cotton Board.

Cotton Board means the administrative body established pursuant to § 1205.318.

[31 FR 16758, Dec. 31, 1966. Redesignated at 56 FR 64472, Dec. 10, 1991]

§ 1205.309 Producer.

Producer means any person who shares in a cotton crop actually harvested on a farm, or in the proceeds thereof, as an owner of the farm, cash tenant, landlord of a share tenant, share tenant, or sharecropper.

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§ 1205.310 Importer.

Importer means any person who enters, or withdraws from warehouse, cotton for consumption in the customs territory of the United States, and the term *import* means any such entry.

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