

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 947.160

(b) Persons who wish to be placed on the committee's list of manufacturers of potato products may apply to the committee and shall supply the following information:

(1) Name and address of applicant;

(2) Location and description of facilities for commercial processing of potatoes into products;

(3) Expected source of potatoes for commercial processing into products;

(4) Certification to the Secretary that potatoes received for processing will not be diverted to the fresh market,

(5) Such other information as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may deem necessary.

Upon receipt of an application for such listing, the Oregon-California Potato Committee shall make such investigation as it deems necessary, and if it appears that the applicant may reasonably be expected to use potatoes covered by the application in accordance with and to comply with the requirements of this section, it shall place the person's name on the Oregon-California Potato Committee's list of manufacturers of potato products.

(c) If shipment is to a person whose name is not on the committee's list of manufacturers, the handler must provide evidence to the committee prior to shipment that the potatoes will be used only for processing into products. Further, he shall submit reports as prescribed by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

(d) The committee may remove from the list of manufacturers of potato products the name of any person who fails to comply with the safeguard requirements of this part.

[39 FR 2271, Jan. 18, 1974, as amended at 39 FR 31880, Sept. 3, 1974]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 65 FR 42278, July 10, 2000, §947.134 was suspended indefinitely, effective July 1, 2000.

### §947.141 Late payment and interest charges.

The committee shall impose a late payment charge on any handler who fails to pay his or her assessment within thirty (30) days of the billing date shown on the handler's assessment statement received from the committee. The late payment charge shall,

after 30 days, be five percent of the unpaid assessment balance. In the event the handler fails to pay the delinquent assessment amount, plus the late payment charge, within 60 days following the billing date, an additional one percent interest charge shall be applied monthly thereafter to the unpaid balance, including any accumulated interest. Any amount paid by a handler as an assessment, including any charges imposed pursuant to this paragraph, shall be credited when the payment is received in the committee office.

[59 FR 48784, Sept. 23, 1994]

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### REESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

#### § 947.150 Reestablishment of districts.

Pursuant to §947.32(b) and the recommendation of the Oregon-California Potato Committee, the counties of Jackson and Josephine in the State of Oregon (currently a portion of District No. 3) are reestablished as a part of District No. 2. Terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as when used in said marketing agreement and this part.

[33 FR 14229, Sept. 20, 1968]

#### § 947.160 Reapportionment of committee membership.

(a) Pursuant to §947.32(b), the membership of the Oregon-California Potato Committee shall be apportioned among the districts so as to provide the following representation: (1) Producer membership—two members from each of Districts No. 2 and No. 5; three members from District No. 4; and one member from each of Districts No. 1 and No. 3; (2) Handler membership—one member from each of Districts No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5. The respective alternates shall be selected on the same basis of representation as the members.

(b) Terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as when used in said marketing agreement and this part.

[39 FR 30825, Aug. 26, 1974]

## REPORTS

**Subpart—Assessment Rates****§ 947.247 Assessment rate.**

On and after July 1, 1997, an assessment rate of \$0.004 per hundredweight is established for Oregon-California potatoes.

[61 FR 27248, May 31, 1996, as amended at 62 FR 27171, May 19, 1997]

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**Subpart—Handling Regulations****§ 947.340 Handling regulation.**

No person shall handle any variety of potatoes grown in the production area, except for non-white fleshed varieties of potatoes, unless such potatoes meet the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section, or unless such potatoes are handled in accordance with paragraphs (g) and (h), or (i) of this section.

(a) *Grade requirements.* Such potatoes grade at least U.S. No. 2.

(b) *Size requirements.* (1) Such potatoes shipped to points within the continental United States shall be at least 2 inches in diameter or weigh at least 4 ounces, and such potatoes shipped to export destinations shall be at least 1½ inches in diameter.

(2) Red-skinned varieties of potatoes may be shipped without regard to any minimum size requirement, if they otherwise grade at least U.S. No. 1.

(3) All non-red-skinned varieties of potatoes that measure 1¾ inches in diameter or less may be shipped if such potatoes otherwise grade at least U.S. No. 1.

(c) *Cleanness requirements.* All varieties and grades—As required in the United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, except that U.S. Commercial may be no more than “slightly dirty.”

(d) *Maturity (skinning) requirements.* (1) Round and White Rose varieties: not more than “moderately skinned.”

(2) Other Long Varieties (including but not limited to Russet Burbank and Norgold): not more than “slightly skinned.”

(3) Not to exceed a total of 100 hundredweight of potatoes may be handled during any seven day period without meeting these maturity requirements. Prior to shipment of potatoes exempt from the above maturity requirements, the handler shall obtain from the committee a Certificate of Privilege.

(e) *Pack.* Potatoes packed in cartons shall be either: (1) U.S. No. 1 grade or better, except that potatoes that fail to meet the U.S. No. 1 grade only because of hollow heart and/or internal discoloration may be shipped provided the lot contains not more than 10 percent damage by hollow heart and/or internal discoloration, or not more than 5 percent serious damage by internal defects; or (2) U.S. No. 2 potatoes weighing at least 10 ounces.

(f) *Inspection.* (1) Except when relieved by paragraphs (g) and (h), or (i) of this section and paragraph (f)(2) of this section, no person shall handle potatoes without first obtaining inspection from an authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service.

(2) Handlers making shipments from facilities located in an area where inspection costs would otherwise exceed one and one-half times the current per-hundredweight inspection fee, are exempt from on-site inspection provided such handler has made application to the committee for inspection exemption on forms supplied by the committee, and provided further that such handler signs an agreement with the committee to report each shipment on a daily basis and pay the committee a sum equal to the current inspection fee.

(3) For the purpose of operation under this part each required inspection certificate is hereby determined, pursuant to § 947.60(c) to be valid for a period of not to exceed 14 days following completion of inspection as shown on the certificate. The validity period of an inspection certificate covering inspected and certified potatoes that are stored in mechanically refrigerated storage within 14 days of the inspection shall be 14 days plus the number of days that the potatoes were held in refrigerated storage.