

### § 983.143

the Committee, or its duly authorized agents, if the handler fails to provide reports required under § 983.147, or has not complied with the provisions on minimal quality testing in § 983.41, of this part. Additionally, the Committee, or its duly authorized agents, shall revoke an approved exemption when a handler audit reveals that a handler has handled a million pounds or more of assessed weight pistachios during the current production year. The revocation of a handler's exemption shall be made in writing to the handler and shall specify the reason(s) for and the effective date.

(c) *Appeals.* (1) Any handler who believes that he/she has been improperly denied an exemption or improperly had an exemption revoked, may appeal to the Secretary, within 20 days after notification of the Committee's, or agents of the Committee's, decisions. All appeals shall be in writing. When requested by the Secretary, the Committee, or its duly authorized agents, shall forward a file with all pertinent information related to any handler appeal. The Secretary shall inform the handler and all interested persons of the Secretary's decision.

(2) If handlers do not file an appeal or if their appeal is denied by the Secretary, they shall present all remaining lots of pistachios in inventory for minimum quality testing before moving the pistachios into the channels of commerce.

[70 FR 42259, July 23, 2005]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 72 FR 69141, Dec. 7, 2007, § 983.141 was suspended, effective December 10, 2007.

### § 983.143 Reinspection.

(a) Any lot of inshell pistachios that is pin-picked, hand-sorted, color-sorted, and/or resized is considered to be "materially changed." Pistachios which are roasted, salted, flavored, air-legged, dyed, color-coated, cleaned, and otherwise subjected to similar processes are not considered to be materially changed.

(b) Each handler who handles pistachios shall cause any lot or portion of a lot initially certified for aflatoxin, and subsequently materially changed, to be reinspected for aflatoxin and certified as a new lot or new lots: *Pro-*

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*vided.* That, handlers exempted from order requirements under § 983.170 are exempt from all reinspection requirements.

[70 FR 61226, Oct. 21, 2005, as amended at 71 FR 51987, Sept. 1, 2006; 72 FR 69141, Dec. 7, 2007]

### § 983.147 Reports.

(a) *ACP-2, Failed Lot Notification.* Each handler shall notify the Administrative Committee for Pistachios (committee) of all lots that fail to meet the order's maximum aflatoxin requirements by completing section A of this form. Handlers shall furnish this report to the committee no later than 10 days after completion of the aflatoxin test. Each USDA-approved aflatoxin testing laboratory shall complete section C of this report, and forward this report and the failing aflatoxin test results to the committee and to the handler within 10 days of the test failure.

(b) *ACP-3, Failed Lot Disposition and Rework Report.* Each handler who reworks a failing lot of pistachios shall complete this report and shall forward it to the committee no later than 10 days after the rework is completed. If rework is not selected as a remedy, the handler shall submit the form to the committee office within 10 days of disposition of the lot.

(c) *ACP-4, Federal Marketing Order Exempt Handler Notification.* Each handler who handles less than 5,000 pounds of assessed weight pistachios in a production year shall complete and furnish this report to the committee no later than November 15 of each production year.

(d) *ACP-5, Minimal Testing Form.* Each handler who handles less than 1,000,000 pounds of dried weight pistachios in a production year and who wishes to request an exemption under the minimal quantities provisions (Section 983.41) of the order shall furnish this report to the committee office no later than August 1 of each production year.

(e) *ACP-6, Inter-handler Transfer.* Each handler who transfers uninspected pistachios to another handler within the production area shall complete the ACP-6 and sign Part A. The transferring handler shall forward the original ACP-6 and one copy to the handler who receives the uninspected

pistachios. The transferring handler shall furnish one copy of ACP-6 to the committee within 30 days of the transfer. The handler receiving the uninspected pistachios (receiving handler) shall sign Part B of the original ACP-6 and shall file it with the committee within 30 days of the transfer.

(f) *ACP-7 Monthly Report of Inventory/Shipments.* Each handler of pistachios shall file this report with the committee by the 10th day of each month for the previous month's inventory and shipment information.

(g) *Exemptions.* Handlers who handle less than 5,000 pounds of assessed weight pistachios during any production year are exempt from filing all forms, with the exception of the ACP-4.

(h) *Records.* Each handler shall maintain all records of pistachios received, held, shipped, and disposed of for at least 3 years following each crop year to show compliance with the marketing order provisions.

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**§ 983.170 Handler exemption.**

Pursuant to §983.70, any handler may handle pistachios within the production area free of the requirements in §§983.38 through 983.45 and §983.53 if such pistachios are handled in quantities of less than 5,000 pounds of assessed weight in any production year.

[71 FR 51987, Sept. 1, 2006]

**Subpart—Assessment Rate**

**§ 983.253 Assessment rate.**

(a) On and after September 1, 2006, a continuing assessment rate of \$0.0007 per pound of assessed-weight pistachios is established for California pistachios. The assessment obligation of each handler shall be computed by applying the assessment rate to the assessed weight computed pursuant to §983.6.

(b) For the 2004-05 fiscal period each handler who receives pistachios for processing shall furnish the Receipts/Assessment Report to the Committee

and pay all due assessments to the Committee by March 15, 2005. For subsequent fiscal periods, each handler who receives pistachios for processing shall furnish the Receipts/Assessment Report and pay all due assessments to the Committee by December 15 of the applicable fiscal period.

[70 FR 9846, Mar. 1, 2005, as amended at 71 FR 66645, Nov. 16, 2006]

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