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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### U.S. Warehouse Act Fees

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to publish a schedule increasing the licensing and inspection fees to be charged warehouse operators under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA) and regulations with respect to: Cotton, grain, tobacco, wool, dry bean, nut, syrup, and cottonseed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Linden, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250-0553, telephone (202) 690-4321, FAX: (202) 690-3123, E-Mail: Helen\_Linden@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

#### Background

Pursuant to the provisions of the USWA which regulates warehouse

operations for the benefit of all depositors, the Secretary has the authority to license public warehouse operators. Warehouse operators that opt to have a USWA license understand that fees will be imposed to cover the costs of the program. Specifically, section 10 of the USWA (7 U.S.C. 251) mandates the imposition of fees for USWA licensed warehouses. The USWA provides, in part, that:

The Secretary of Agriculture \* \* \* shall charge, assess, and cause to be collected a reasonable fee for (1) Each examination or inspection of a warehouse \* \* \*; (2) each license issued to any person to classify, inspect, grade, sample, or weigh agricultural products stored or to be stored \* \* \*; (3) each annual warehouse license issued to a warehouseman to conduct a warehouse \* \* \*; and (4) each warehouse license amended, modified, extended, or reinstated \* \* \*. Such fees shall cover, as nearly as practicable, the costs of providing such services and licenses, including administrative and supervisory costs \* \* \*.

The USWA mandates fee collections to sustain the Federal warehouse licensing and examination programs. In keeping with the Department of Agriculture's strategic plan of making the USWA more self-sufficient, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is raising USWA license and user fees to increase the amount of revenue generated to recover operational costs for the USWA in Fiscal Year 1999 (FY). The FY 99 fee adjustment reflects a general, across the

board, 7.5 percent increase in fees for all USWA licensed warehouse operators.

The regulations used in administering USWA fees were last amended effective October 1, 1997, (62 FR 33582, June 20, 1997 and corrected at 62 FR 42234, August 6, 1997), at which time fee adjustments reflected increases of no greater than 10 percent for each type of commodity with the rate of increase depending on FSA's direct costs with respect to warehouse examinations for that commodity.

These regulations at 7 CFR parts 735 through 743 provide that USWA fees could be adjusted annually in order to cover, as nearly as practicable, the operating costs for the program.

#### Warehouse and Service License Fees

The fee for original issuance, reissuance, or duplication of a license for cotton, grain, tobacco, wool, dry beans, nut, syrup, and cottonseed is \$80 for each license issued.

The fee charged to license individuals to inspect, sample, grade, classify, or weigh commodities is \$35 for each service license issued.

#### Warehouse Annual and Inspection Fees

These fees are shown in the following tables by agricultural product. Inspection fees are assessed for each original examination or inspection, or reexamination or reinspection for modification of an existing license. Annual fees are assessed independently of inspection fees.

#### COTTON

[In bales]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1-20,000 .....	\$590	\$1,075
20,001-40,000 .....	770	1,400
40,001-60,000 .....	945	1,720
60,001-80,000 .....	1,185	2,155
80,001-100,000 .....	1,480	2,690
100,001-120,000 .....	1,775	3,225
120,001-140,000 .....	2,070	3,765
140,001-160,000 .....	2,365	4,300
160,001+ .....	* 2,365	** 4,300

\* Plus \$60 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.

\*\* Plus \$110 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$80 for each 1,000 bales of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

GRAIN  
[In bushels]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1–150,000 .....	\$155	\$280
150,001–250,000 .....	310	565
250,001–500,000 .....	460	835
500,001–750,000 .....	620	1,125
750,001–1,000,000 .....	770	1,400
1,000,001–1,200,000 .....	925	1,680
1,200,001–1,500,000 .....	1,075	1,955
1,500,001–2,000,000 .....	1,230	2,235
2,000,001–2,500,000 .....	1,385	2,520
2,500,001–5,000,000 .....	1,535	2,790
5,000,001–7,500,000 .....	1,695	3,080
7,500,001–10,000,000 .....	1,850	3,365
10,000,001+ .....	* 1,850	** 3,365

\* Plus \$50 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.

\*\* Plus \$90 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$16 for each 10,000 bushels of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

DRY BEANS  
[In hundredweight]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee
100–90,000 .....	\$770
90,001–150,000 .....	1,075
150,001–300,000 .....	1,385
300,001–450,000 .....	1,695
450,001–600,000 .....	2,000
600,001–720,000 .....	2,305
720,001–900,000 .....	2,620
900,001–1,200,000 .....	2,925
1,200,001–1,500,000 .....	3,225
1,500,001–3,000,000 .....	3,535
3,000,001+ .....	3,845

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of \$16 for each 1,000 hundredweight of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

**Tobacco and wool**

*Annual fee:* \$16 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$620.

*Inspection fee:* \$16 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

**Nuts**

*Annual fee:* \$14 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$620.

*Inspection fee:* \$8 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, of peanuts and \$14 for each 1,000 hundredweight, or fraction thereof, of other nuts, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

**Syrup**

*Annual fee:* \$6 for each 5,000 gallons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$620.

*Inspection fee:* \$6 for each 5,000 gallons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

**Cottonseed**

*Annual fee:* \$16 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$620.

*Inspection fee:* \$16 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than \$160 nor more than \$1,600.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 23, 1998.

**Keith Kelly,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Olympic Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on July 10, 1998 at the Olympic Natural Resources Center, 1455 South Forks Avenue, Forks, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Update and discussion on reorganization plans for the Olympic Forest; (2) Effectiveness Monitoring Pilot Project: update from subcommittee, presentation by Quileute member on potential use of Soleduck

drainage and Olympic Natural Resources Center on possible partnership; (3) Review video on Sequim Elk Herd Management (4) Review Adaptive Management Area Draft Guide; (5) Update on Soleduck Ranger District projects and activities. Olympic Province Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Kathy Snow, Province Liaison, USDA, Quilcene Ranger District, P.O. Box 280, Quilcene, WA 98376, (360) 765–2211.

Dated: June 23, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

**Amendment to Certification of Central Filing System—Oklahoma**

The Statewide central filing system of Oklahoma has been previously certified, pursuant to Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, on the basis of information submitted by the Oklahoma Secretary of State, for farm products produced in that State (52 FR 49056, December 29, 1987).

The certification is hereby amended on the basis of information submitted by Tom Cole, Secretary of State, for additional farm products used or produced in farming operations, or a product of such crop or livestock in its