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**Meaning of words.**

Words used in this subpart in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 27.2 **Terms defined.**

As used throughout this subpart, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:


(b) **Department.** The United States Department of Agriculture.

(c) **Service.** The Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department.

(d) **Administrator.** The Administrator of the Service, or any officer or employee of the Service, to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in the Administrator's stead.

(e) **Cotton Division.** The Cotton Division of the Service.

(f) **Director.** The Director of the Cotton Division, or any officer or employee of the Division to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated to act in the Director's stead.

(g) **Marketing Services Office.** A facility of the Cotton Division established under the Act at any point.

(h) **Grading Section.** The National Classing Supervision Office at Memphis, Tennessee; performs final review of cotton classification.

(i) **Exchange.** Exchange, board of trade, or similar institution or place of business, at, on, or in which a basis grade contract may be made.

(j) **Exchange inspection agency.** The inspection agency of the New York Cotton Exchange, the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, or of any other exchange which may have an organized inspection agency recognized as such by the Director, as the case may be.

(k) **Basis grade contract.** Contract of sale of cotton for future delivery mentioned in the Act, made at, on, or in any exchange in compliance with subsection 15b(f) of the Act.

(l) **Person.** Individual, association, partnership, or corporation.

(m) **Owner.** Person who owns, controls, or has the disposition of any cotton.

(n) **Classification.** The classification of any cotton shall be determined by the quality of a sample in accordance with Official Cotton Standards of the United States for the color grade and the leaf grade of American upland cotton, the length of staple, and fiber property measurements such as micronaire. High Volume Instrument colormeter measurements will be used for determining the official color grade. Cotton classers, designated as...
such by the Director, will determine the official leaf grade and extraneous matter, and authorized Cotton Program employees will determine all fiber property measurements using High Volume Instruments.

(o) Micronaire determination. The measure of the fiber fineness and maturity of cotton, in combination, in terms of Micronaire readings as determined by an authorized employee of the Department in accordance with the official cotton standards of the United States for fiber fineness and maturity.


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§ 27.3 Requirements of subsection 15b(f) of the Act.

The inspection, sampling, classification, and Micronaire determination of cotton pursuant to subsection 15b(f) of the Act shall be performed as prescribed in this subpart. All tenders of cotton and settlements therefor under basis grade contracts shall be made subject to the regulations in this subpart. No contract shall for the purposes of this subpart be deemed to comply with the provisions of the Act if it contain or incorporate therein, by reference or otherwise, any provision or any bylaw, rule, or custom of an exchange which is inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of the contract or exchange rule made a part thereof which shall not be inconsistent with the act or the regulations made under the Act.

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§ 27.5 Effect of amendments.

Any amendment to this subpart, unless otherwise stated therein, shall apply to all tenders of cotton and settlements therefor made on and after the effective date of such amendment, under basis grade contracts entered into prior, as well as subsequent, to such effective date.


ADMINISTRATION

§ 27.8 Director.

The Director shall perform for and under the supervision of the Administrator, such duties as the Administrator may require in enforcing the provisions of the Act and this subpart.

§ 27.9 Marketing Services Offices; Grading Section.

Marketing Services Offices shall be maintained at points designated for the purpose by the Administrator. The Grading Section shall review the classification of any cotton in accordance with §§27.61 to 27.72. The Grading Section shall also perform other duties as assigned.

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§ 27.10 Supervision of cotton inspection, weighing, sampling; and other duties.

Authorized employees of the Cotton Division will act, when necessary, as supervisors of cotton inspection to supervise the inspection, weighing, and sampling of cotton to be classified and will perform such other duties as may be required of them for the purposes of this subpart.

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§ 27.11 Area Director, Marketing Services Office; responsibility.

Subject to this subpart and the instructions of the Director, the Area Director of each Marketing Services Office shall be responsible for the proper performance of the duties imposed on