

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## §915.141

would have justified denial of his application.

(e) The committee shall suspend the certificate of registration issued under this section of any handler who fails to pay assessments or furnish reports as required under this part, and so advise the handler in writing of the suspension and the effective date. The committee shall lift such suspension at such time as the handler pays such assessments and files such reports, and the committee determines that the handler may be expected to handle avocados in the future in accordance with this part.

[19 FR 5439, Aug. 26, 1954. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961, as amended at 49 FR 33203, Aug. 22, 1984]

### §915.140 Avocados not subject to regulation.

(a) *Minimum quantity.* During any one day any handler may handle not to exceed 55 pounds total of avocados exempt from the provisions of §§915.41, 915.51, and 915.54, and the regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That such exempted quantity shall not be included as part of a shipment exceeding 55 pounds.

(b) *Gift shipments.* Any handler may, exempt from the provisions of §§915.41, 915.51, and 915.54, and the regulations issued thereunder, handle avocados in individually addressed gift containers not exceeding 20 pounds net weight for use by the addressee other than for resale.

(c) *Commercial processing into products.* The term *commercial processing into products*, as used in §915.55(c), means the manufacture of any avocado product which is preserved by any recognized commercial process, including canning, freezing, dehydrating, drying, the addition of chemical substances, or by fermentation.

(d) *Avocados for seed.* Any handler may ship avocados to be used for seed purposes exempt from the provisions of §§915.41, 915.51, and 915.54, and the regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That such handler shall make application to the committee for an exemption prior to the loading of each shipment and that the receiver of each such shipment shall certify, on a form provided by the committee, that such

fruit was used for the intended purpose, and that the residue from the seed separation process will not be allowed to enter fresh channels of trade.

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### §915.141 Handling avocados for commercial processing into products.

(a) No person shall handle any avocados for commercial processing into products unless prior to such handling such person notifies the Avocado Administrative Committee of the proposed handling and provides the committee with the name of the intended processor. If the intended processor's name is not on the Avocado Administrative Committee's current list of approved manufacturers of avocado products, as prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section, or if on the list is suspended, such person shall furnish the committee, prior to each such handling, with a statement executed by the intended processor that the avocados will be used for the stated purpose only.

(b) Any person who desires to have his name placed on the Avocado Administrative Committee's list of approved manufacturers of avocado products shall, prior to such listing, submit to the Avocado Administrative Committee an application containing the following information: (1) Name and address of applicant; (2) location of the facilities for commercial processing into products; (3) proposed type of avocado product or products to be manufactured from avocados and the proposed commercial process of preservation; (4) description of facilities for commercial processing into products; (5) quantity of avocados used in commercial processing into products during the previous fiscal year and estimate of the quantity of avocados to be similarly processed during the current fiscal year; (6) expected source of avocados for commercial processing into products; (7) method of transporting avocados and unloading point; (8) Avocado Administrative Committee handler certificate of registration number, if any; (9) a statement that the avocados obtained for commercial processing