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the Board of Directors of such organization, and duly and unqualifiedly authorized in writing by such organization to make nominations on its behalf. The representative of the Director designated to attend the caucus meeting of cotton producer organizations in each state and of cotton importer organizations will ascertain the qualifications and eligibility of each representative of a cotton producer organization or cotton importer organization to participate in said meeting and to make nominations.

(b) Each caucus will be conducted as follows:

(1) The representative from the Cotton Division will act as temporary chairperson and will explain the procedure for nominations and the duties of the Cotton Board;

(2) The representatives in attendance from the certified organizations will then select a chairperson and secretary;

(3) At each caucus there will be presented for nomination and there will be nominated not less than the number of nominees required under the provisions of §§ 1205.322, 1205.324, and 1205.402.

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Subpart—Cotton Board Rules and Regulations

SOURCE: 42 FR 35974, July 13, 1977, unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITIONS

§ 1205.500 **Terms defined.**

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

(a) *ASCS* means the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(b) *Cotton Board* means the administrative body established pursuant to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order.

(c) *CCC* means the Commodity Credit Corporation.

(d) *Current value of Cotton* means the gross price per pound of lint cotton received by the producer for cotton as shown on the producers' settlement document before deductions are made

for weight penalties, buyer's commission or brokerage fees, marketing fees, the \$1 per bale cotton research and promotion assessment, picking charges, ginning charges, warehouse receiving charges, warehouse storage charges, transportation charges or any other charges, plus any amount received by a producer in the form of a loan deficiency payment with respect to such cotton.

(e) *Form A* means Cotton Producer's Note, Form CCC Cotton A.

(f) *Gin code number* means the identification number assigned to each cotton gin by the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(g) *Handle* means to harvest, gin, warehouse, compress, purchase, market, transport, or otherwise acquire ownership or control of cotton.

(h) *Handler* means any person who handles cotton, including CCC.

(i) *Marketing* means any sale of cotton, or the pledging of cotton to CCC as collateral for a price support loan.

(j) *Marketing year* means a consecutive 12-month period ending on July 31.

(k) *Person* means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other entity, whether governmental or private.

(l) *Producer* means any person who owns or shares in a cotton crop (or in the proceeds thereof) as landowner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper.

(m) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in the Secretary's stead.

(n) *Loan deficiency payment* means any payment on Upland cotton made by the Commodity Credit Corporation to a producer in accordance with 7 CFR 713.55.

(o) *Importer* means any person who enters, or withdraws from warehouse, cotton for consumption in the customs territory of the United States and *import* means any such entry.

(p) *Customs Service* means the United States Customs Service of the United States Department of Treasury.

(q) *Cotton* means:

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(1) All Upland cotton harvested in the United States, and, except as used in section 7(e) of the Act, includes cottonseed of such cotton and the products derived from such cotton and its seed, and

(2) Imports of Upland cotton, including the Upland cotton content of the products derived thereof. The term *cotton* shall not, however, include:

(i) Any entry of imported cotton by an importer which has a value or weight less than a de minimis amount established in regulations issued by the Secretary and

(ii) Industrial products as that term is defined by regulation.

(r) *Industrial products* means cotton-containing products which are classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States under classifications other than textile classifications. Certain cotton-containing textile products under textile classifications shall also be considered to be industrial products, and are therefore not included in the table appearing in these regulations as products subject to assessment. Such products include, but are not limited to textile fabrics coated, impregnated, covered, or laminated, with other materials, textile piping and tubing, and belting materials.

[42 FR 35974, July 13, 1977, as amended at 50 FR 10932, Mar. 19, 1985; 51 FR 6098, Feb. 20, 1986; 51 FR 37705, Oct. 24, 1986; 57 FR 29185, July 1, 1992]

GENERAL

§ 1205.505 Communication.

All reports, requests, applications for reimbursements, and communications in connection with the Cotton Research and Promotion Order shall be addressed as follows: Cotton Board, Post Office Box 2121, Memphis, Tennessee, 38101-2121.

[57 FR 29186, July 1, 1992]

ASSESSMENTS

§ 1205.510 Levy of assessments.

(a) *Producer assessments.* An assessment of \$1 per bale for cotton research and promotion is hereby levied on each bale of Upland cotton that is produced from cotton harvested and ginned ex-

cept cotton consumed by any governmental agency from its own production. Such assessment shall be payable and collected only once on each bale.

(1) A supplemental assessment for cotton research and promotion in addition to the \$1 per bale assessment provided for in paragraph (a) of this section, is hereby levied on each bale of Upland cotton harvested and ginned except cotton consumed by any governmental agency from its own production. The supplemental assessment rate shall be levied at the rate of five-tenths of one percent of:

(i) The current value of the cotton multiplied by the number of pounds of lint cotton or;

(ii) The current value of the cotton converted to a fixed amount per bale as reflected in the following assessment chart:

ASSESSMENT CHART ¹

Current value (cents per pound)	Supplemental Assessment, dollars per bale
.00 to 9.99	0.15
10.00 to 19.9940
20.00 to 29.9965
30.00 to 39.9990
40.00 to 49.99	1.15
50.00 to 59.99	1.40
60.00 to 69.99	1.65
70.00 to 79.99	1.90
80.00 to 89.99	2.15
90.00 to 99.99	2.40
100.00 to 109.99	2.65
110.00 to 119.99	2.90

¹Assessment is calculated on 5/10 of 1 percent of the midpoint of each 10c increment, based on a 500 lb. bale and converted to a fixed amount per bale.

(2) Each marketing year the collecting handler must select one of the two options for collecting the supplemental assessment as provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. The handler shall notify the Cotton Board as to the method selected at the time the handler files the first handler report each marketing year.

(b) *Importer assessment.* An assessment for cotton research and promotion of \$1 per bale is hereby levied on each bale of cotton, or the bale equivalent thereof for cotton in cotton-containing products identified in the HTS conversion factor table in paragraph (b)(3) of this section and imported into the United States on or

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after July 31, 1992. The \$1 per bale assessment shall be converted to a fixed amount per kilogram to facilitate the U.S. Customs Service in collecting this assessment.

(1) A supplemental assessment for cotton research and promotion in addition to the \$1 per bale assessment provided for in paragraph (b) of this section is hereby levied on each bale of cotton or bale equivalent of cotton in cotton-containing products, identified in this subpart, imported into the United States on or after July 31, 1992. The supplemental assessment shall be levied at the rate of five-tenths of one percent of the historical value of cotton as determined by the Secretary and expressed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. The rate of the supplemental assessment on imported cotton will be the same as that levied on cotton produced within the United States. The supplemental assessment will be calculated as a fixed amount per kilogram and added to the \$1 per bale or bale equivalent assessment to facilitate the Customs Service in collecting assessments.

(2) The 12-month average of monthly weighted average prices received by U.S. farmers will be calculated annually. Such weighted average will be used as the value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying the supplemental assessment on imported cotton and will be expressed in kilograms. The value of imported cotton for the purpose of levying this supplemental assessment is \$1.0880 cents per kilogram.

(3) The following table contains Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification numbers and corresponding conversion factors and assessments. The left column of the following table indicates the HTS classifications of imported cotton and cotton-containing products subject to assessment. The center column indicates the conversion factor for determining the raw fiber content for each kilogram of the HTS. HTS numbers for raw cotton have no conversion factor in the table. The right column indicates the total assessment per kilogram of the article assessed.

(i) Any line item entry of cotton appearing on Customs entry documentation in which the value of the cotton

contained therein results in the calculation of an assessment of two dollars (\$2.00) or less will not be subject to assessments as described in this section.

(ii) In the event that any HTS number subject to assessment is changed and such change is merely a replacement of a previous number and has no impact on the physical properties, description, or cotton content of the product involved, assessments will continue to be collected based on the new number.

IMPORT ASSESSMENT TABLE
[Raw cotton fiber]

HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5201000500	0	1.0880
5201001200	0	1.0880
5201001400	0	1.0880
5201001800	0	1.0880
5201002200	0	1.0880
5201002400	0	1.0880
5201002800	0	1.0880
5201003400	0	1.0880
5201003800	0	1.0880
5204110000	1.1111	1.2089
5204200000	1.1111	1.2089
5205111000	1.1111	1.2089
5205112000	1.1111	1.2089
5205121000	1.1111	1.2089
5205122000	1.1111	1.2089
5205131000	1.1111	1.2089
5205132000	1.1111	1.2089
5205141000	1.1111	1.2089
5205210020	1.1111	1.2089
5205210090	1.1111	1.2089
5205220020	1.1111	1.2089
5205220090	1.1111	1.2089
5205230020	1.1111	1.2089
5205230090	1.1111	1.2089
5205240020	1.1111	1.2089
5205240090	1.1111	1.2089
5205310000	1.1111	1.2089
5205320000	1.1111	1.2089
5205330000	1.1111	1.2089
5205340000	1.1111	1.2089
5205410020	1.1111	1.2089
5205410090	1.1111	1.2089
5205420021	1.1111	1.2089
5205420090	1.1111	1.2089
5205440021	1.1111	1.2089
5205440090	1.1111	1.2089
5206120000	0.5556	0.6045
5206130000	0.5556	0.6045
5206140000	0.5556	0.6045
5206220000	0.5556	0.6045
5206230000	0.5556	0.6045
5206240000	0.5556	0.6045
5206310000	0.5556	0.6045
5207100000	1.1111	1.2089
5207900000	0.5556	0.6045
5208112020	1.1455	1.2463
5208112040	1.1455	1.2463
5208112090	1.1455	1.2463
5208114020	1.1455	1.2463
5208114060	1.1455	1.2463
5208114090	1.1455	1.2463
5208118090	1.1455	1.2463

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5208124020	1.1455	1.2463
5208124040	1.1455	1.2463
5208124090	1.1455	1.2463
5208126020	1.1455	1.2463
5208126040	1.1455	1.2463
5208126060	1.1455	1.2463
5208126090	1.1455	1.2463
5208128020	1.1455	1.2463
5208128090	1.1455	1.2463
5208130000	1.1455	1.2463
5208192020	1.1455	1.2463
5208192090	1.1455	1.2463
5208194020	1.1455	1.2463
5208194090	1.1455	1.2463
5208196020	1.1455	1.2463
5208196090	1.1455	1.2463
5208224040	1.1455	1.2463
5208224090	1.1455	1.2463
5208226020	1.1455	1.2463
5208226060	1.1455	1.2463
5208228020	1.1455	1.2463
5208230000	1.1455	1.2463
5208292020	1.1455	1.2463
5208292090	1.1455	1.2463
5208294090	1.1455	1.2463
5208296090	1.1455	1.2463
5208298020	1.1455	1.2463
5208312000	1.1455	1.2463
5208321000	1.1455	1.2463
5208323020	1.1455	1.2463
5208323040	1.1455	1.2463
5208323090	1.1455	1.2463
5208324020	1.1455	1.2463
5208324040	1.1455	1.2463
5208325020	1.1455	1.2463
5208330000	1.1455	1.2463
5208392020	1.1455	1.2463
5208392090	1.1455	1.2463
5208394090	1.1455	1.2463
5208396090	1.1455	1.2463
5208398020	1.1455	1.2463
5208412000	1.1455	1.2463
5208416000	1.1455	1.2463
5208418000	1.1455	1.2463
5208421000	1.1455	1.2463
5208423000	1.1455	1.2463
5208424000	1.1455	1.2463
5208425000	1.1455	1.2463
5208430000	1.1455	1.2463
5208492000	1.1455	1.2463
5208494020	1.1455	1.2463
5208494090	1.1455	1.2463
5208496010	1.1455	1.2463
5208496090	1.1455	1.2463
5208498090	1.1455	1.2463
5208512000	1.1455	1.2463
5208516060	1.1455	1.2463
5208518090	1.1455	1.2463
5208523020	1.1455	1.2463
5208523045	1.1455	1.2463
5208523090	1.1455	1.2463
5208524020	1.1455	1.2463
5208524045	1.1455	1.2463
5208524065	1.1455	1.2463
5208525020	1.1455	1.2463
5208591000	1.1455	1.2463
5208592025	1.1455	1.2463
5208592095	1.1455	1.2463
5208594090	1.1455	1.2463
5208596090	1.1455	1.2463
5209110020	1.1455	1.2463

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
5209110035	1.1455	1.2463
5209110090	1.1455	1.2463
5209120020	1.1455	1.2463
5209120040	1.1455	1.2463
5209190020	1.1455	1.2463
5209190040	1.1455	1.2463
5209190060	1.1455	1.2463
5209190090	1.1455	1.2463
5209210090	1.1455	1.2463
5209220020	1.1455	1.2463
5209220040	1.1455	1.2463
5209290040	1.1455	1.2463
5209290090	1.1455	1.2463
5209313000	1.1455	1.2463
5209316020	1.1455	1.2463
5209316035	1.1455	1.2463
5209316050	1.1455	1.2463
5209316090	1.1455	1.2463
5209320020	1.1455	1.2463
5209320040	1.1455	1.2463
5209390020	1.1455	1.2463
5209390040	1.1455	1.2463
5209390060	1.1455	1.2463
5209390080	1.1455	1.2463
5209390090	1.1455	1.2463
5209413000	1.1455	1.2463
5209416020	1.1455	1.2463
5209416040	1.1455	1.2463
5209420020	1.0309	1.1216
5209420040	1.0309	1.1216
5209430030	1.1455	1.2463
5209430050	1.1455	1.2463
5209490020	1.1455	1.2463
5209490090	1.1455	1.2463
5209516035	1.1455	1.2463
5209516050	1.1455	1.2463
5209520020	1.1455	1.2463
5209590025	1.1455	1.2463
5209590040	1.1455	1.2463
5209590090	1.1455	1.2463
5210114020	0.6873	0.7478
5210114040	0.6873	0.7478
5210116020	0.6873	0.7478
5210116040	0.6873	0.7478
5210116060	0.6873	0.7478
5210118020	0.6873	0.7478
5210191000	0.6873	0.7478
5210192090	0.6873	0.7478
5210214040	0.6873	0.7478
5210216020	0.6873	0.7478
5210216060	0.6873	0.7478
5210218020	0.6873	0.7478
5210314020	0.6873	0.7478
5210314040	0.6873	0.7478
5210316020	0.6873	0.7478
5210318020	0.6873	0.7478
5210414000	0.6873	0.7478
5210416000	0.6873	0.7478
5210418000	0.6873	0.7478
5210498090	0.6873	0.7478
5210514040	0.6873	0.7478
5210516020	0.6873	0.7478
5210516040	0.6873	0.7478
5210516060	0.6873	0.7478
5211110090	0.6873	0.7478
5211120020	0.6873	0.7478
5211190020	0.6873	0.7478
5211190060	0.6873	0.7478
5211202125	0.6873	0.7478
5211202135	0.4165	0.4532
5211202150	0.6873	0.7478

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5211202990	0.6873	0.7478
5211320020	0.6873	0.7478
5211390040	0.6873	0.7478
5211390060	0.6873	0.7478
5211490020	0.6873	0.7478
5211490090	0.6873	0.7478
5211590025	0.6873	0.7478
5212146090	0.9164	0.9970
5212156020	0.9164	0.9970
5212216090	0.9164	0.9970
5509530030	0.5556	0.6045
5509530060	0.5556	0.6045
5513110020	0.4009	0.4362
5513110040	0.4009	0.4362
5513110060	0.4009	0.4362
5513110090	0.4009	0.4362
5513120000	0.4009	0.4362
5513130020	0.4009	0.4362
5513210020	0.4009	0.4362
5513310000	0.4009	0.4362
5514120020	0.4009	0.4362
5516420060	0.4009	0.4362
5516910060	0.4009	0.4362
5516930090	0.4009	0.4362
5601210010	1.1455	1.2463
5601210090	1.1455	1.2463
5601300000	1.1455	1.2463
5602109090	0.5727	0.6231
5602290000	1.1455	1.2463
5602906000	0.526	0.5723
5604909000	0.5556	0.6045
5607909000	0.8889	0.9671
5608901000	1.1111	1.2089
5608902300	1.1111	1.2089
5609001000	1.1111	1.2089
5609004000	0.5556	0.6045
5701104000	0.0556	0.0605
5701109000	0.1111	0.1209
5701901010	1.0444	1.1363
5702109020	1.1	1.1968
5702312000	0.0778	0.0846
5702411000	0.0722	0.0786
5702412000	0.0778	0.0846
5702421000	0.0778	0.0846
5702913000	0.0889	0.0967
5702990500	1.1111	1.2089
5702991500	1.1111	1.2089
5703900000	0.4489	0.4884
5801210000	1.1455	1.2463
5801230000	1.1455	1.2463
5801250010	1.1455	1.2463
5801250020	1.1455	1.2463
5801260020	1.1455	1.2463
5802190000	1.1455	1.2463
5802300030	0.5727	0.6231
5804291000	1.1455	1.2463
5806200010	0.3534	0.3845
5806200090	0.3534	0.3845
5806310000	1.1455	1.2463
5806400000	0.4296	0.4674
5808107000	0.5727	0.6231
5808900010	0.5727	0.6231
5811002000	1.1455	1.2463
6001106000	1.1455	1.2463
6001210000	0.8591	0.9347
6001220000	0.2864	0.3116
6001910010	0.8591	0.9347
6001910020	0.8591	0.9347
6001920020	0.2864	0.3116
6001920030	0.2864	0.3116
6001920040	0.2864	0.3116

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6003203000	0.8681	0.9445
6003306000	0.2894	0.3149
6003406000	0.2894	0.3149
6005210000	0.8681	0.9445
6005220000	0.8681	0.9445
6005230000	0.8681	0.9445
6005240000	0.8681	0.9445
6005310010	0.2894	0.3149
6005310080	0.2894	0.3149
6005320010	0.2894	0.3149
6005320080	0.2894	0.3149
6005330010	0.2894	0.3149
6005330080	0.2894	0.3149
6005340010	0.2894	0.3149
6005340080	0.2894	0.3149
6005410010	0.2894	0.3149
6005410080	0.2894	0.3149
6005420010	0.2894	0.3149
6005420080	0.2894	0.3149
6005430010	0.2894	0.3149
6005430080	0.2894	0.3149
6005440010	0.2894	0.3149
6005440080	0.2894	0.3149
6006211000	1.1574	1.2593
6006221000	1.1574	1.2593
6006231000	1.1574	1.2593
6006241000	1.1574	1.2593
6006310040	0.1157	0.1259
6006310080	0.1157	0.1259
6006320040	0.1157	0.1259
6006320080	0.1157	0.1259
6006330040	0.1157	0.1259
6006330080	0.1157	0.1259
6006340040	0.1157	0.1259
6006340080	0.1157	0.1259
6006410085	0.1157	0.1259
6006420085	0.1157	0.1259
6006430085	0.1157	0.1259
6006440085	0.1157	0.1259
6101200010	1.0094	1.0982
6101200020	1.0094	1.0982
6102200010	1.0094	1.0982
6102200020	1.0094	1.0982
6103421020	0.8806	0.9581
6103421040	0.8806	0.9581
6103421050	0.8806	0.9581
6103421070	0.8806	0.9581
6103431520	0.2516	0.2737
6103431540	0.2516	0.2737
6103431550	0.2516	0.2737
6103431570	0.2516	0.2737
6104220040	0.9002	0.9794
6104220060	0.9002	0.9794
6104320000	0.9207	1.0017
6104420010	0.9002	0.9794
6104420020	0.9002	0.9794
6104520010	0.9312	1.0131
6104520020	0.9312	1.0131
6104622006	0.8806	0.9581
6104622011	0.8806	0.9581
6104622016	0.8806	0.9581
6104622021	0.8806	0.9581
6104622026	0.8806	0.9581
6104622028	0.8806	0.9581
6104622030	0.8806	0.9581
6104622060	0.8806	0.9581
6104632006	0.3774	0.4106
6104632011	0.3774	0.4106
6104632026	0.3774	0.4106
6104632028	0.3774	0.4106
6104632030	0.3774	0.4106

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6104632060	0.3774	0.4106
6104692030	0.3858	0.4198
6105100010	0.985	1.0717
6105100020	0.985	1.0717
6105100030	0.985	1.0717
6105202010	0.3078	0.3349
6105202030	0.3078	0.3349
6106100010	0.985	1.0717
6106100020	0.985	1.0717
6106100030	0.985	1.0717
6106202010	0.3078	0.3349
6106202030	0.3078	0.3349
6107110010	1.1322	1.2318
6107110020	1.1322	1.2318
6107120010	0.5032	0.5475
6107210010	0.8806	0.9581
6107220015	0.3774	0.4106
6107220025	0.3774	0.4106
6107910040	1.2581	1.3688
6108210010	1.2445	1.3540
6108210020	1.2445	1.3540
6108310010	1.1201	1.2187
6108310020	1.1201	1.2187
6108320010	0.2489	0.2708
6108320015	0.2489	0.2708
6108320025	0.2489	0.2708
6108910005	1.2445	1.3540
6108910015	1.2445	1.3540
6108910025	1.2445	1.3540
6108910030	1.2445	1.3540
6108920030	0.2489	0.2708
6109100004	0.9956	1.0832
6109100007	0.9956	1.0832
6109100011	0.9956	1.0832
6109100012	0.9956	1.0832
6109100014	0.9956	1.0832
6109100018	0.9956	1.0832
6109100023	0.9956	1.0832
6109100027	0.9956	1.0832
6109100037	0.9956	1.0832
6109100040	0.9956	1.0832
6109100045	0.9956	1.0832
6109100060	0.9956	1.0832
6109100065	0.9956	1.0832
6109100070	0.9956	1.0832
6109901007	0.3111	0.3385
6109901009	0.3111	0.3385
6109901049	0.3111	0.3385
6109901050	0.3111	0.3385
6109901060	0.3111	0.3385
6109901065	0.3111	0.3385
6109901090	0.3111	0.3385
6110202005	1.1837	1.2879
6110202010	1.1837	1.2879
6110202015	1.1837	1.2879
6110202020	1.1837	1.2879
6110202025	1.1837	1.2879
6110202030	1.1837	1.2879
6110202035	1.1837	1.2879
6110202040	1.1574	1.2593
6110202045	1.1574	1.2593
6110202067	1.1574	1.2593
6110202069	1.1574	1.2593
6110202077	1.1574	1.2593
6110202079	1.1574	1.2593
6110909022	0.263	0.2861
6110909024	0.263	0.2861
6110909030	0.3946	0.4293
6110909040	0.263	0.2861
6110909042	0.263	0.2861
6111201000	1.2581	1.3688

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6111202000	1.2581	1.3688
6111203000	1.0064	1.0950
6111205000	1.0064	1.0950
6111206010	1.0064	1.0950
6111206020	1.0064	1.0950
6111206030	1.0064	1.0950
6111206050	1.0064	1.0950
6111206070	1.0064	1.0950
6111305020	0.2516	0.2737
6111305050	0.2516	0.2737
6111305070	0.2516	0.2737
6112110050	0.7548	0.8212
6112120010	0.2516	0.2737
6112120030	0.2516	0.2737
6112120040	0.2516	0.2737
6112120050	0.2516	0.2737
6112120060	0.2516	0.2737
6112390010	1.1322	1.2318
6112490010	0.9435	1.0265
6114200005	0.9002	0.9794
6114200010	0.9002	0.9794
6114200015	0.9002	0.9794
6114200020	1.286	1.3992
6114200040	0.9002	0.9794
6114200046	0.9002	0.9794
6114200052	0.9002	0.9794
6114200060	0.9002	0.9794
6114301010	0.2572	0.2798
6114301020	0.2572	0.2798
6114303030	0.2572	0.2798
6115101510	1.0417	1.1334
6115103000	1.0417	1.1334
6115298010	1.0417	1.1334
6115959000	1.0417	1.1334
6115966020	0.2315	0.2519
6116101300	0.3655	0.3977
6116101720	0.8528	0.9278
6116926420	1.0965	1.1930
6116926430	1.2183	1.3255
6116926440	1.0965	1.1930
6116928800	1.0965	1.1930
6117809510	0.9747	1.0605
6117809540	0.3655	0.3977
6201121000	0.948	1.0314
6201122010	0.8953	0.9741
6201122050	0.6847	0.7450
6201122060	0.6847	0.7450
6201134030	0.2633	0.2865
6201921000	0.9267	1.0082
6201921500	1.1583	1.2602
6201922010	1.0296	1.1202
6201922021	1.2871	1.4004
6201922031	1.2871	1.4004
6201922041	1.2871	1.4004
6201922051	1.0296	1.1202
6201922061	1.0296	1.1202
6201931000	0.3089	0.3361
6201933511	0.2574	0.2801
6201933521	0.2574	0.2801
6201999060	0.2574	0.2801
6202121000	0.9372	1.0197
6202122010	1.1064	1.2038
6202122025	1.3017	1.4162
6202122050	0.8461	0.9206
6202122060	0.8461	0.9206
6202134005	0.2664	0.2898
6202134020	0.333	0.3623
6202921000	1.0413	1.1329
6202921500	1.0413	1.1329
6202922026	1.3017	1.4162
6202922061	1.0413	1.1329

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6202922071	1.0413	1.1329
6202931000	0.3124	0.3399
6202935011	0.2603	0.2832
6202935021	0.2603	0.2832
6203122010	0.1302	0.1417
6203221000	1.3017	1.4162
6203322010	1.2366	1.3454
6203322040	1.2366	1.3454
6203332010	0.1302	0.1417
6203392010	1.1715	1.2746
6203399060	0.2603	0.2832
6203422010	0.9961	1.0838
6203422025	0.9961	1.0838
6203422050	0.9961	1.0838
6203422090	0.9961	1.0838
6203424006	1.2451	1.3547
6203424011	1.2451	1.3547
6203424016	0.9961	1.0838
6203424021	1.2451	1.3547
6203424026	1.2451	1.3547
6203424031	1.2451	1.3547
6203424036	1.2451	1.3547
6203424041	0.9961	1.0838
6203424046	0.9961	1.0838
6203424051	0.9238	1.0051
6203424056	0.9238	1.0051
6203424061	0.9238	1.0051
6203431500	0.1245	0.1355
6203434010	0.1232	0.1340
6203434020	0.1232	0.1340
6203434030	0.1232	0.1340
6203434040	0.1232	0.1340
6203498045	0.249	0.2709
6204132010	0.1302	0.1417
6204192000	0.1302	0.1417
6204198090	0.2603	0.2832
6204221000	1.3017	1.4162
6204223030	1.0413	1.1329
6204223040	1.0413	1.1329
6204223050	1.0413	1.1329
6204223060	1.0413	1.1329
6204223065	1.0413	1.1329
6204292040	0.3254	0.3540
6204322010	1.2366	1.3454
6204322030	1.0413	1.1329
6204322040	1.0413	1.1329
6204423010	1.2728	1.3848
6204423030	0.9546	1.0386
6204423040	0.9546	1.0386
6204423050	0.9546	1.0386
6204423060	0.9546	1.0386
6204522010	1.2654	1.3768
6204522030	1.2654	1.3768
6204522040	1.2654	1.3768
6204522070	1.0656	1.1594
6204522080	1.0656	1.1594
6204533010	0.2664	0.2898
6204594060	0.2664	0.2898
6204622010	0.9961	1.0838
6204622025	0.9961	1.0838
6204622050	0.9961	1.0838
6204624006	1.2451	1.3547
6204624011	1.2451	1.3547
6204624021	0.9961	1.0838
6204624026	1.2451	1.3547
6204624031	1.2451	1.3547
6204624036	1.2451	1.3547
6204624041	1.2451	1.3547
6204624046	0.9961	1.0838
6204624051	0.9961	1.0838
6204624056	0.9854	1.0721

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6204624061	0.9854	1.0721
6204624066	0.9854	1.0721
6204633510	0.2546	0.2770
6204633530	0.2546	0.2770
6204633532	0.2437	0.2651
6204633540	0.2437	0.2651
6204692510	0.249	0.2709
6204692540	0.2437	0.2651
6204699044	0.249	0.2709
6204699046	0.249	0.2709
6204699050	0.249	0.2709
6205202016	0.9961	1.0838
6205202021	0.9961	1.0838
6205202026	0.9961	1.0838
6205202031	0.9961	1.0838
6205202036	1.1206	1.2192
6205202047	0.9961	1.0838
6205202051	0.9961	1.0838
6205202061	0.9961	1.0838
6205202066	0.9961	1.0838
6205202071	0.9961	1.0838
6205202076	0.9961	1.0838
6205302010	0.3113	0.3387
6205302030	0.3113	0.3387
6205302040	0.3113	0.3387
6205302050	0.3113	0.3387
6205302080	0.3113	0.3387
6206100040	0.1245	0.1355
6206303011	0.9961	1.0838
6206303021	0.9961	1.0838
6206303031	0.9961	1.0838
6206303041	0.9961	1.0838
6206303051	0.9961	1.0838
6206303061	0.9961	1.0838
6206403010	0.3113	0.3387
6206403030	0.3113	0.3387
6206900040	0.249	0.2709
6207110000	1.0852	1.1807
6207199010	0.3617	0.3935
6207210030	1.1085	1.2060
6207220000	0.3695	0.4020
6207911000	1.1455	1.2463
6207913010	1.1455	1.2463
6207913020	1.1455	1.2463
6208210010	1.0583	1.1514
6208210020	1.0583	1.1514
6208220000	0.1245	0.1355
6208911010	1.1455	1.2463
6208911020	1.1455	1.2463
6208913010	1.1455	1.2463
6209201000	1.1577	1.2596
6209203000	0.9749	1.0607
6209205030	0.9749	1.0607
6209205035	0.9749	1.0607
6209205040	1.2186	1.3258
6209205045	0.9749	1.0607
6209205050	0.9749	1.0607
6209303020	0.2463	0.2680
6209303040	0.2463	0.2680
6210109010	0.2291	0.2493
6210403000	0.0391	0.0425
6210405020	0.4556	0.4957
6211111010	0.1273	0.1385
6211111020	0.1273	0.1385
6211118010	1.1455	1.2463
6211118020	1.1455	1.2463
6211320007	0.8461	0.9206
6211320010	1.0413	1.1329
6211320015	1.0413	1.1329
6211320030	0.9763	1.0622
6211320060	0.9763	1.0622

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6211320070	0.9763	1.0622
6211330010	0.3254	0.3540
6211330030	0.3905	0.4249
6211330035	0.3905	0.4249
6211330040	0.3905	0.4249
6211420010	1.0413	1.1329
6211420020	1.0413	1.1329
6211420025	1.1715	1.2746
6211420060	1.0413	1.1329
6211420070	1.1715	1.2746
6211430010	0.2603	0.2832
6211430030	0.2603	0.2832
6211430040	0.2603	0.2832
6211430050	0.2603	0.2832
6211430060	0.2603	0.2832
6211430066	0.2603	0.2832
6212105020	0.2412	0.2624
6212109010	0.9646	1.0495
6212109020	0.2412	0.2624
6212200020	0.3014	0.3279
6212900030	0.1929	0.2099
6213201000	1.1809	1.2848
6213202000	1.0628	1.1563
6213901000	0.4724	0.5140
6214900010	0.9043	0.9839
6216000800	0.2351	0.2558
6216001720	0.6752	0.7346
6216003800	1.2058	1.3119
6216004100	1.2058	1.3119
6217109510	1.0182	1.1078
6217109530	0.2546	0.2770
6301300010	0.8766	0.9537
6301300020	0.8766	0.9537
6302100005	1.1689	1.2718
6302100008	1.1689	1.2718
6302100015	1.1689	1.2718
6302215010	0.8182	0.8902
6302215020	0.8182	0.8902
6302217010	1.1689	1.2718
6302217020	1.1689	1.2718
6302217050	1.1689	1.2718
6302219010	0.8182	0.8902
6302219020	0.8182	0.8902
6302219050	0.8182	0.8902
6302222010	0.4091	0.4451
6302222020	0.4091	0.4451
6302313010	0.8182	0.8902
6302313050	1.1689	1.2718
6302315050	0.8182	0.8902
6302317010	1.1689	1.2718
6302317020	1.1689	1.2718
6302317040	1.1689	1.2718
6302317050	1.1689	1.2718
6302319010	0.8182	0.8902
6302319040	0.8182	0.8902
6302319050	0.8182	0.8902
6302322020	0.4091	0.4451
6302322040	0.4091	0.4451
6302402010	0.9935	1.0809
6302511000	0.5844	0.6358
6302512000	0.8766	0.9537
6302513000	0.5844	0.6358
6302514000	0.8182	0.8902
6302600010	1.1689	1.2718
6302600020	1.052	1.1446
6302600030	1.052	1.1446
6302910005	1.052	1.1446
6302910015	1.1689	1.2718
6302910025	1.052	1.1446
6302910035	1.052	1.1446
6302910045	1.052	1.1446

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HTS No.	Conv. fact.	Cents/kg.
6302910050	1.052	1.1446
6302910060	1.052	1.1446
6303191100	0.9448	1.0279
6303910010	0.6429	0.6995
6303910020	0.6429	0.6995
6304111000	1.0629	1.1564
6304190500	1.052	1.1446
6304191000	1.1689	1.2718
6304191500	0.4091	0.4451
6304192000	0.4091	0.4451
6304910020	0.9351	1.0174
6304920000	0.9351	1.0174
6505901540	0.181	0.1969
6505902060	0.9935	1.0809
6505902545	0.5844	0.6358

(4) Any entry of cotton that qualifies for informal entry according to regulations issued by the Customs Service will not be subject to the assessment.

(5) Imported textile and apparel articles assembled of components formed from cotton produced in the United States and identified by HTS numbers 9819.11.03, 9819.11.06, 9820.11.03, 9820.11.06, 9820.11.09, 9820.11.12, 9820.11.18, 9820.11.21, 9802.00.8015, 9802.00.9000, 9802.00.8044, or 9802.00.8046 shall not be subject to assessment.

(6) Imported cotton and products may be exempted by the Cotton Board from assessment under this paragraph. Such imported cotton and products may include, but are not limited to cotton and the cotton content of products which is U.S. produced cotton, or cotton other than Upland cotton.

(i) A request for such exemption must be submitted to the Cotton Board by the importer, prior to the importation of the cotton product. The Cotton Board will then issue, if deemed appropriate, a numbered exemption certificate valid for 1 year from the date of issue. The exemption number should be entered by the importer on the Customs entry documentation in the appropriate location as determined by the U.S. Customs Service.

(ii) The request for exemption should include:

(A) the name, address, and importer identification number for the importer;

(B) the HTS classification of the imported product;

(C) weight of the product for which the exemption is sought;

(D) estimated date of entry;

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(E) commercial invoices of other such documentation indicating the origin or production or type of the cotton fiber used to produce the imported product;

(F) manufacture's description of the imported product.

(7) The exemption number "999999999" shall be entered on the Customs entry summary document, in the appropriate location as determined by the U.S. Customs Service, by the importer when, based on the importer's own determination, the imported product is identified by a Harmonized Tariff Schedule classification number which is subject to assessment but the particular article contains no cotton.

(8) Articles imported into the United States temporarily and under bond which are classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule heading which begins with "9813" shall not be subject to assessment.

(9) Articles imported into the U.S. after being exported from the U.S. for alterations and which are classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule sub-headings 9802.00.40 and 9802.00.50 shall not be subject to assessment.

[57 FR 29432, July 2, 1992]

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§ 1205.511 Payment and collection.

(a) The \$1 per bale assessment shall be paid by:

(1) The producer of the cotton to the collecting handler designated in §1205.512, and

(2) The importer of cotton to the Customs Service as provided in §1205.514.

(b) The supplemental assessment shall be paid by:

(1) The producer of the cotton to the collecting handler designated in §1205.513, and

(2) The importer of cotton to the Customs Service as described in §1205.515.

(c) If more than one person subject to assessment shares in the proceeds received from a bale or bale equivalent, each such person is obligated to pay that portion of the assessment that is equivalent to that person's proportionate share of the proceeds.

(d) Failure of the handler to collect the assessments on each bale shall not relieve the handler of the handler's obligation to remit the assessments to the Cotton Board as required in §§1205.512, 1205.513 and 1205.516.

[57 FR 29190, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.512 Collecting handlers and time of collection of \$1 per bale assessment.

Collecting handlers and the time of collecting the \$1 per bale assessment shall be as follows:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any person who purchases a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the assessment at the time the handler first makes any payment or any credit to the producer's account for the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the assessment.

(b) Any cooperative marketing association or other person that accepts a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton under an oral or written contract or agreement providing for the marketing of the cotton shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such association or person shall collect the assessment regardless of whether the cotton is marketed or tendered to CCC for price support loan. The handler shall collect the assessment at the time the handler first makes any cash advance, any payment, or any credit to the producer's account for the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the assessment.

(c) For bales of cotton tendered to CCC for Form A loan, except bales tendered pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section:

(1) The ASCS County Office shall be the collecting handler except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. The ASCS County Office shall collect the assessment when it makes disbursement based on the Form A loan documents. The producer's copy of the Cotton Producer's Note (Form CCC Cotton A) shall show payment of the assessment and shall constitute the

producer's receipt for payment of the assessment.

(2) Any person (other than an ASCS County Office) who advances to the producer the loan value of the cotton as shown on a Cotton Producer's Note (Form CCC Cotton A) shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the \$1 per bale assessment at the time the handler makes any advance to the producer on the loan value of the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the assessment.

(d) Any person who purchases cotton in the cotton field where produced or who purchases seed cotton or unbaled lint cotton from the producer of the cotton shall be the collecting handler. The handler shall collect the assessment at the time such cotton is ginned and shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the assessment. When a bale is ginned that contains any such cotton purchased from more than one producer, the handler shall collect each producer's proportionate share of the assessment and shall give each producer a receipt indicating the producer's proportionate share of the assessment payment.

(e) Any person who purchases cotton from a producer whereby the producer agrees to deliver a certain quantity of cotton but retains the right to establish the price at some future date shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the \$1 per bale assessment at the time final settlement is made on the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the \$1 per bale assessment.

(f) Any person who consumes domestically or exports cotton of that person's own production shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such handler shall pay the assessment to the Cotton Board at the time the cotton is consumed or exported.

(g) Any person who obtains ownership of a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton by transfer of any kind or by any means, under conditions other than those described in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this section shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such handler shall collect the assessment at the time such han-

dlers takes ownership of the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the assessment.

(h) In the event of a producer's death, bankruptcy, receivership, or incapacity to act, the representative of such producer, or the producer's estate, or the person acting on behalf of creditors, shall be considered the producer for the purposes of this section.

[42 FR 35974, July 31, 1977, as amended at 50 FR 10932, Mar. 19, 1985; 57 FR 29190, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.513 Collecting handlers and time of collection of the supplemental assessment.

Collecting handlers and the time of collecting the supplemental assessment shall be as follows:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any person who purchases a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time the handler first makes any payment or any credit to the producer's account for the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the supplemental assessment.

(b) Any cooperative marketing association or other person that accepts a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton under an oral or written contract or agreement providing for the marketing of the cotton shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such association or person shall collect the supplemental assessment regardless of whether the cotton is marketed or tendered to CCC for price support loan. The handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time the handler first makes any cash advance, any payment, or any credit to the producer's account for the cotton. Supplemental assessments due on any subsequent cash advances, payments, or credits to the producer's account shall be collected by the handler at the time final settlement is made on the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt each time a supplemental assessment is collected.

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(c) For bales of cotton tendered to CCC for Form A loan, except bales tendered pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section:

(1) The ASCS County Office shall be the collecting handler except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. The ASCS County Office shall collect the supplemental assessment when it makes disbursement based on the Form A loan value of cotton. The producer's copy of the Cotton Producer's Note (Form CCC Cotton A) shall show payment of the supplemental assessment and shall constitute the producer's receipt for payment of the supplemental assessment.

(2) Any person (other than an ASCS County Office) who advances to the producer the loan value of the cotton as shown on a Cotton Producer's Note (Form CCC Cotton A) shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time the handler makes any advance to the producer on the loan value of the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the supplemental assessment.

(d) With respect to any Upland cotton on which the producer or a cooperative marketing association acting on behalf of a producer receives a loan deficiency payment, the ASCS County Office or the cooperative marketing association shall be the collecting handler of the supplemental assessment on the value of the cotton represented by the loan deficiency payment at the time such payment is made to the producer or the cooperative marketing association. A copy of a document reflecting this transaction issued by the ASCS County Office or cooperative marketing association shall show the amount collected as the supplemental assessment and shall constitute the producer's receipt for payment of the supplemental assessment.

(e) Any person who (1) purchases a producer's equity in cotton tendered to CCC for Form A loan or (2) purchases cotton that a producer has redeemed from the Form A loan, shall be the collecting handler for the portion of the total supplemental assessment not collected under paragraph (c) of this section. The handler shall give the pro-

ducer a receipt indicating payment of that portion of the supplemental assessment.

(f) Any person who purchases cotton in the cotton field where produced or who purchases seed cotton or unbaled lint cotton from the producer of the cotton shall be the collecting handler. The handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time such cotton is ginned and shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the supplemental assessment. When a bale is ginned and baled that contains any such cotton purchased from more than one producer, the handler shall collect each producer's proportionate share of the supplemental assessment and shall give each producer a receipt indicating the producer's proportionate share of the supplemental assessment payment.

(g) Any person who purchases cotton from a producer whereby the producer agrees to deliver a certain quantity of cotton but retains the right to establish the price at some future date shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time final settlement is made on the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the supplemental assessment.

(h) Any person who consumes domestically cotton of that person's own production shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. The handler shall pay the supplemental assessment at the time of consumption on the basis of a market value determined in consultation with the Cotton Board.

(i) Any person who exports cotton of that person's own production shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such handler shall pay the supplemental assessment on the basis of the current value of cotton as reflected on the export settlement document.

(j) Any person who obtains ownership of a bale of cotton from the producer of the cotton by transfer of any kind or by any means, under conditions other than those described in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section shall be the collecting handler for such cotton. Such handler shall collect the supplemental assessment at the time

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the handler takes ownership of the cotton. The handler shall give the producer a receipt indicating payment of the supplemental assessment.

(k) In the event of a producer's death, bankruptcy, receivership, or incapacity to act, the representative of such producer or the producer's estate, or the person acting on behalf of creditors, shall be considered the producer for the purposes of this section.

[42 FR 35974, July 31, 1977, as amended at 50 FR 10932, Mar. 19, 1985; 51 FR 37705, Oct. 24, 1986; 57 FR 29190, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.514 Customs Service and the Collection of the \$1 per bale assessment.

The Collection of the \$1 per bale assessment by the Customs Service shall be as follows:

(a) The Customs Service will collect the assessment from the importer or from any person acting as principal, agent, broker or consignee for cotton or cotton-containing products produced outside the United States and imported into the United States. The Customs Service will collect the assessment on cotton and cotton-containing products identified by Harmonized Tariff Schedule heading numbers in §1205.510(b)(2) at the time of importation and forward such assessment as per the agreement between the United States Customs Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(b) In the event of an importer's death, bankruptcy, receivership, or incapacity to act, the representative of such importer, or the importer's estate, or the person acting on behalf of creditors, shall be considered the importer for the purposes of this section.

[57 FR 29191, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.515 Customs Service and the collection of the supplemental assessment.

The collection of the supplemental assessment by the Customs Service shall be as follows:

(a) The Customs Service will collect the supplemental assessment from any person acting as principal, agent, broker or consignee for cotton or cotton-containing products produced outside the United States and imported into the United States. Customs Serv-

ice will collect the assessment on all cotton and cotton-containing products identified by Harmonized Tariff Schedule heading numbers in §1205.510(b)(2) at the time of importation and forward such assessment as per the agreement between the United States Customs Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(b) In the event of an importer's death, bankruptcy, receivership, or incapacity to act, the representative of such importer, or the importer's estate, or the person acting on behalf of creditors, shall be considered the importer for the purposes of this section.

[57 FR 29191, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.516 Reports and remittance to the Cotton Board.

(a) *Handler reports and remittances.* Each collecting handler shall transmit assessments to the Cotton Board as follows:

(1) *Reporting periods.* Each calendar month shall be a reporting period and the period shall end on the close of business on the last day of the month.

(2) *Reports.* Each collecting handler shall make reports on forms made available or approved by the Cotton Board. Each report shall be mailed to the Cotton Board and postmarked within ten days after the close of the reporting period.

(i) *Collecting handler report.* Each collecting handler shall prepare a separate report form each reporting period for each gin from which such handler handles cotton on which the handler is required to collect the assessments during the reporting period. Each report shall be mailed in duplicate to the Cotton Board and shall contain the following information:

- (A) Date of report;
- (B) Reporting period covered by report;
- (C) Gin code number;
- (D) Name and address of handler;
- (E) Listing of all producers from whom the handler was required to collect the assessments, their addresses, total number of bales, and total assessment collected and remitted for each producer;
- (F) Date of last report remitting assessments to the Cotton Board.

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(ii) *No cotton purchased report.* Each collecting handler shall submit a no cotton purchased report form for each reporting period in which no cotton was handled for which the handler is required to collect assessments during the reporting period. A collecting handler who handles cotton only during certain months shall file a final no cotton purchased report at the conclusion of such handlers marketing season. If a collecting handler handles cotton during any month following submission of the final report for the handlers marketing season, such handler shall send a collecting handler report and remittance to the Cotton Board by the 10th day of the month following the month in which cotton was handled. The no cotton purchased report shall be signed and dated by the handler of the handler's agent.

(3) *Remittances.* The collecting handler shall remit all assessments to the Cotton Board with the report required in paragraph (a)(2) of this section. All remittances sent to the Cotton Board by collecting handlers shall be made by check, draft, or money order payable to the order of the "Cotton Board". All remittances shall be received subject to collection and payment at par.

(4) *Interest and late payment charges.* (i) There shall be an interest charge, at rates prescribed by the Cotton Board with the approval of the Secretary, on any handler who is sent a second certified mail notice of past-due assessments from the Cotton Board in any one marketing year (August 1-July 31).

(ii) In addition to the interest charge specified in paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section, there shall be a late payment charge on any handler whose remittance is not received by the Cotton Board within 10 days after the close of the reporting period in which interest charges were first accrued. The late payment charge shall be 5 percent of the unpaid balance before interest charges have accrued.

(iii) The interest and late payment charges on the unremitted assessments for a particular reporting period will be applied from the first working day on or following the 20th day of the month in which the assessments were due.

(b) *Importer reports and remittance.* The United States Customs Service

will transmit reports and assessments collected on imported cotton to the Agricultural Marketing Service according to the agreement between the Customs Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service. Upon the request of the Cotton Board, an importer shall file with the Board a report, for a period of time specified in the request, that includes the following information:

- (1) The importer's name and address;
- (2) The quantity of cotton and cotton products imported;
- (3) The amount of the assessment paid on imported cotton and cotton products;
- (4) The amount of imported cotton and cotton products on which the assessment was not paid to the Customs Service.

[57 FR 29190, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.517 Failure to report and remit.

(a) Any collecting handler who fails to submit reports and remittances according to reporting periods and time schedules required in § 1205.516 shall be subject to appropriate action by the Cotton Board which may include one or more of the following actions:

(1) Audits of the collecting handler's books and records to determine the amount owed the Cotton Board;

(2) Requirement that an escrow account for the deposit of assessments collected be established. Frequency and schedule of deposits and withdrawals from the escrow account shall be determined by the Cotton Board with the Approval of the Secretary;

(3) Referral to the Secretary for appropriate enforcement action;

(4) Publication of a collecting handler's name in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) The name of any collecting handler will be subject to publication if the collecting handler:

(A) is sent two certified mail notices of past due assessments and/or collecting handler reports from the Cotton Board in any one marketing year (August 1-July 31), or

(B) is required by the Cotton Board to establish an escrow account for depositing assessments, in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and does not comply with the deposit

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procedures established by the Cotton Board with approval of the Secretary.

(ii) The name of any collecting handler who is subject to publication will be published by the Cotton Board with the approval of the Secretary in a monthly listing during the primary cotton marketing season (September through March) and a bi-monthly listing during the remainder of the year. The published listing will be distributed by the Cotton Board.

(iii) The Cotton Board, with approval of the Secretary, may notify individual producers that the assessments collected by such producer's collecting handler, whose name is subject to publication in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section, have not been remitted to the Cotton Board as required.

(b) Any importer who fails to submit reports to the Cotton Board pursuant to request made according to §1205.516 or assessments to the Customs Service, shall be subject to one or more of the following actions:

(1) Audits of the importer's books and records to determine the amount owed the Cotton Board.

(2) A deduction for the amount of any unpaid assessment by the Customs Service from the importers surety bond.

(3) Referral to the Secretary for appropriate enforcement action.

[57 FR 29191, July 1, 1992]

§ 1205.518 Receipts for payment of assessments.

Each collecting handler who is required by §1205.512 and §1205.513 to give the producer a receipt showing payment of cotton research and promotion assessments shall provide the producer with an invoice or settlement sheet for the cotton. Such document shall serve as a receipt shall contain the following information:

(a) Name and address of collecting handler.

(b) Gin code number of gin at which cotton was ginned.

(c) Name and address of producer who paid assessment.

(d) Number of bales on which assessment was paid.

(e) Gross price per pound received by the producer.

(f) Total assessments paid by the producer.

(g) Date on which assessment was paid by producer.

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§ 1205.519 Organic exemption.

(a) A producer who operates under an approved National Organic Program (NOP) (7 CFR part 205) system plan; produces only products that are eligible to be labeled as 100 percent organic under the NOP, except as provided for in paragraph (h) of this section; and is not a split operation shall be exempt from the payment of assessments.

(b) To apply for an exemption under this section, an eligible cotton producer shall submit a request for exemption to the Board—on a form provided by the Board—at any time initially and annually thereafter on or before the beginning of the crop year as long as the producer continues to be eligible for the exemption.

(c) The request shall include the following: The producer's name and address, a copy of the organic farm or organic handling operation certificate provided by a USDA-accredited certifying agent as defined in section 2103 of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6502), a signed certification that the applicant meets all of the requirements specified in paragraph (a) of this section for an assessment exemption, and such other information as may be required by the Board and with the approval of the Secretary.

(d) If the producer complies with the requirements of this section, the Board will grant the exemption and issue a Certificate of Exemption to the producer. For exemption requests received on or before August 15, 2005, the Board will have 60 days to approve the exemption request; after August 15, 2005, the Board will have 30 days to approve the exemption request. If the application is disapproved, the Board will notify the applicant of the reason(s) for disapproval within the same timeframe.

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(e) The producer shall provide a copy of the Certificate of Exemption to each handler to whom the producer sells cotton. The handler shall maintain records showing the exempt producer's name and address and the exemption number assigned by the Board.

(f) An importer who imports only products that are eligible to be labeled as 100 percent organic under the NOP (7 CFR part 205) and who is not a split operation shall be exempt from the payment of assessments. That importer may submit documentation to the Board and request an exemption from assessment on 100 percent organic cotton and 100 percent organic cotton products—on a form provided by the Board—at any time initially and annually thereafter as long as the importer continues to be eligible for the exemption. This documentation shall include the same information required of producers in paragraph (c) of this section. If the importer complies with the requirements of this section, the Board will grant the exemption and issue a Certificate of Exemption to the importer. The Board will also issue the importer a 9-digit alphanumeric Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification valid for 1 year from the date of issue. This HTS classification should be entered by the importer on the Customs entry documentation. Any line item entry of 100 percent organic cotton and cotton products bearing this HTS classification assigned by the Board will not be subject to assessments.

(g) The exemption will apply immediately following the issuance of the Certificate of Exemption.

(h) Agricultural commodities produced and marketed under an organic system plan, as described in 7 CFR 205.201, but not sold, labeled, or represented as organic, shall not disqualify a producer from exemption under this section, except that producers who produce both organic and non-organic agricultural commodities as a result of split operations shall not qualify for exemption. Reasons for conventional sales include lack of demand for organic products, isolated use of antibiotics for humane purposes, chemical or pesticide use as the result of State or emergency spray programs,

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and crops from a buffer area as described in 7 CFR part 205, provided all other criteria are met.

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REIMBURSEMENTS

§ 1205.520 Procedure for obtaining reimbursement.

Each importer against whose imports of cotton or cotton-containing products any assessments are made and collected may obtain a reimbursement on that portion of the assessment that was collected on cotton produced in the United States or cotton other than Upland cotton by following the procedures prescribed in this section.

(a) *Application form.* An importer shall obtain a reimbursement application form from the Cotton Board. Such form may be obtained by written request to the Cotton Board and the request shall bear the importer's signature or the importer's properly-witnessed mark.

(b) *Submission of reimbursement application to Cotton Board.* Any importer requesting a reimbursement shall mail the application on the prescribed form to the Cotton Board. The application shall be postmarked within 180 days from the date the assessments were paid on the cotton by such importer. The reimbursement application shall show:

(1) The importer's name, address, phone number and Customs Service identification number;

(2) Weight of the cotton in each HTS category for which the reimbursement is requested;

(3) Subtotal amounts to be reimbursed for each HTS number and grand total to be reimbursed;

(4) Date or inclusive dates on which the assessments were paid;

(5) The name of the port of entry; and

(6) Certification by the importer that the cotton was grown in the U.S. or is other than Upland cotton.

(c) Where more than one importer shared in the assessment payment on cotton, joint or separate reimbursement application forms may be filed. In any such case, the reimbursement application shall show the names, addresses and proportionate shares of assessments paid by all importers. The

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reimbursement application shall bear the signature of each importer seeking reimbursement.

(d) *Proof of payment of the assessment on U.S. produced or other than Upland cotton.* A copy of the Customs entry form and the commercial invoice filed with the Customs Service shall accompany the importer's reimbursement application. Within 60 days from the date the properly executed application for reimbursement is received by the Cotton Board, the Cotton Board shall make reimbursement to the importer. For joint applications, the reimbursement shall be made payable to all eligible importers signing the reimbursement application. Documentation submitted with reimbursement applications shall not be returned to the importer.

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WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS

§ 1205.525 Entry of gin code number.

The warehouse that first receives a bale for storage after ginning shall enter the gin code number of the gin at which the bale was ginned on the warehouse receipt issued for the bale.

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REPORTS AND RECORDS

§ 1205.530 Gin reports and reporting schedule.

(a) *Gin reports.* Each year each cotton gin in the United States shall submit reports to the Cotton Board on forms or certificates made available or approved by the Cotton Board as follows:

(1) *End-of-season report.* Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, each gin shall report to the Cotton Board an alphabetical listing of producer names, their addresses, and the number of bales ginned for each such producer during its ginning season.

(2) *Certificate in Lieu of End-of-Season Report.* If a gin is the collecting handler on every bale ginned at such gin and collecting handler reports and remittances of assessments have been made in accordance with § 1205.516, a certification to that effect may be made to

the Cotton Board in lieu of an end-of-season report.

(b) *Reporting schedule.* The schedule for submitting gin reports is as follows:

(1) Each gin that completes ginning operations prior to January 16 shall make a report to the Cotton Board within 10 days after completion of ginning.

(2) Each gin that operates on or after January 16 will make a report to the Cotton Board not later than January 25 covering bales ginned through January 15.

(3) Each gin that operates after January 15 shall make a supplemental report to the Cotton Board within 10 days after the close of ginning operations covering bales ginned after January 15.

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§ 1205.531 Records.

Each handler or importer required to make reports pursuant to this subpart shall maintain such books and records as are necessary to verify the reports.

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§ 1205.532 Retention period for reports and records.

Each handler and importer required to make reports pursuant to this subpart shall retain for at least 2 years beyond the marketing year of their applicability:

(a) One copy of the report made to the Cotton Board; and

(b) Such books and records as are necessary to verify such reports.

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§ 1205.533 Availability of reports and records.

Each handler and importer required to make reports pursuant to this subpart shall make available for inspection by the Cotton Board, including its designated employees, and the Secretary any reports, books, or records required under this subpart.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

§ 1205.540 Confidential books, records, and reports.

All information obtained from the books, records, and reports of handlers and importers shall be kept confidential in the manner and to the extent provided for in § 1205.340.

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§ 1205.541 OMB control numbers.

The control number assigned to the information collection requirements by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511, is OMB number 0581-0093, except Board member nominee information sheets are assigned OMB number 0505-0001.

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