§ 56.55 Salary costs. A minimum charge of $275 will be made each billing period. The minimum charge also applies where an approved application is in effect and no product is handled.

(b) Other provisions. (1) The applicant shall designate in writing the employees of the applicant who will be required and authorized to furnish each grader with such information as may be necessary for the performance of the grading service.

(2) AMS will provide, as available, an adequate number of graders to perform the grading service. The number of graders required will be determined by AMS based on the expected demand for the service.

(3) The grading service shall be provided at designated locations and shall be continued until the service is suspended, withdrawn, or terminated by:

(i) Mutual consent;

(ii) Thirty (30) days’ written notice, by either the applicant or AMS specifying the date of suspension, withdrawal, or termination;

(iii) One (1) day’s written notice by AMS to the applicant if the applicant fails to honor any invoice within thirty (30) days after date of invoice covering the cost of the grading service; or

(iv) Action taken by AMS pursuant to the provisions of § 56.31.

(4) Graders will be required to confine their activities to those duties necessary in the rendering of grading service and such closely related activities as may be approved by AMS: Provided, That in no instance may the graders assume the duties of management.

(5) When similar nonresident grading services are furnished to the same applicant under part 70 of this chapter, the charges listed in this section shall not be repeated.


Editorial Note: For Federal Register citations to § 56.54, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at www.fdsys.gov.

Grading Certificates

§ 56.55 Forms.

Grading certificates and sampling report forms (including appeal grading certificates and regrading certificates) shall be issued on forms approved by the Administrator.

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§ 56.56 Issuance.

(a) Resident grading basis. Certificates will be issued only upon request therefor by the applicant or the AMS. When requested, a grader shall issue a certificate covering product graded by such grader. In addition, a grader may issue a grading certificate covering product graded in whole or in part by another grader when the grader has knowledge that the product is eligible for certification based on personal examination of the product or official grading records.

(b) Other than resident grading. Each grader shall, in person or by the grader’s authorized agent, issue a grading certificate covering each product graded by such grader. A grader’s name may be signed on a grading certificate by a person other than the grader, if such person has been designated as the authorized agent of such grader by the national supervisor: Provided, That the certificate is prepared from an official memorandum of grading signed by the grader. And provided further, That a notarized power of attorney authorizing such signature has been issued to such person by the grader and is on file in the office of grading. In such case, the authorized agent shall sign both the agent’s name and the grader’s name, e.g., “John Doe by Mary Roe.”

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§ 56.57 Disposition.

The original and a copy of each grading certificate, issued pursuant to § 56.56, and not to exceed two additional copies thereof if requested by the applicant prior to issuance, shall, immediately upon issuance, be delivered or mailed to the applicant or the applicant’s designee. Other copies shall be filed and retained in accordance with the disposition schedule for grading program records.