Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

§ 1434.8 Containers and drums.

(a)(1) To be eligible for assistance under this part, honey must be packed in:

(i) CCC-approved, 5-gallon plastic containers;

(ii) 5-gallon metal containers;

(iii) Steel drums with a capacity not less than 5 gallons nor greater than 70 gallons, or

(iv) Plastic Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC’s).

(2) Honey stored in plastic containers must be determined safe and secure from all possibility of contamination and must be generally fit for the purpose for which they are to be used.

(3) Honey storage containers used for these purposes must meet requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended and other specified requirements, as determined by CCC and must be generally fit for the purpose for which they are to be used.

(4) CCC-approved 5-gallon plastic containers must hold approximately 60 pounds of honey. The containers must be new or previously used only to store honey. Plastic containers previously used to store chemicals, pesticides, or any other product or substance other than honey are ineligible for honey storage. The container must be free and clear of leakage and punctures and of suitable purity for food contact use and meet food storage standards as provided by CCC. Plastic containers must be new or previously used only to store honey. Plastic containers previously used to store chemicals, pesticides, or any other product or substance other than honey are ineligible for honey storage. The container opening must not be damaged in any way that will prevent a tight seal. Containers that have been punctured and resealed will not be acceptable;

(5) The 5-gallon metal containers must hold approximately 60 pounds of honey, and must be new, clean, sound, uncased, and free from appreciable dents and rusts. The handle of each container must be firm and strong enough to permit carrying the filled container. The cover opening must not be damaged in any way that will prevent a tight seal. Containers that have been punctured or have been punctured and resealed will not be acceptable; and

(6) The steel drums must be an open type and filled no closer than 2 inches from the top of the drums. Drums must