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ratio or shall comply with one of the alternate equivalent soluble solids and solids to acid ratio combinations set forth in Table III: *Provided*, That the minimum ratio shall not drop below 7.2 even if the soluble solids (sugars) reaches a level higher than 9.6.

(2) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (e)(1) of this section, for the period December 23, 2004 to July 31, 2005, all grapefruit shipped under the order shall meet minimum maturity requirements of 7.5 percent soluble solids (sugars) and 7.5 to 1 solids to acid ratio or shall comply with one of the alternate equivalent soluble solids and solids to acid ratio combinations set forth in Table III: *Provided*, That the minimum ratio shall not drop below 7.2 even if the soluble solids (sugars) reaches a level higher than 9.6.

TABLE III

Minimum total solids (sugars), %	Solids to acid minimum ratio
8.0 to (not including) 9.1	7.50 to 1
9.1 to (not including) 9.2	7.45 to 1
9.2 to (not including) 9.3	7.40 to 1
9.3 to (not including) 9.4	7.35 to 1
9.4 to (not including) 9.5	7.30 to 1
9.5 to (not including) 9.6	7.25 to 1
9.6 and greater	7.20 to 1

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(a) In interpreting the provisions of paragraph (d) of § 905.52, the limitation on shipment of any variety of fruit regulated pursuant to paragraph (a)(3) of that section, which was prepared for market during the effective period of such regulation, shall not be deemed to apply to shipment of such variety which was prepared for market incidentally as part of a lot packed for export and shipped following the period of regulation.

(b) Prior to shipment of any variety of fruit so prepared, the handler shall

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provide the Citrus Administrative Committee or its designated agent a copy of the shipping manifest applicable to such shipment with a notation thereon that the fruit was packed incidentally as part of a lot packed for export.

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**DEFINITIONS****§ 906.1 Secretary.**

*Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

**§ 906.2 Act.**

*Act* means Public Act No. 10, 73d Congress, as amended and as re-enacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (sections 1-19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601-674).

**§ 906.3 Person.**

*Person* means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other business unit.

**§ 906.4 Production area.**

*Production area* means all territory in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy in the State of Texas.

**§ 906.5 Fruit.**

*Fruit* means either or both of the following citrus fruits grown in the production area: (a) Citrus grandis, Osbeck, commonly called grapefruit, and (b) Citrus sinensis, Osbeck, commonly called oranges.

**§ 906.6 Handler.**

*Handler* is synonymous with *shipper* and means any person (except a common or contract carrier of fruit owned by another person) who handles fruit or causes fruit to be handled.

(a) *Independent handler.* *Independent handler* means any handler other than a handler that is a cooperative marketing organization.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 906.7 Handle.**

*Handle* or *ship* means to transport or sell fruit, or in any other way to place fruit, in the current of commerce between the production area and any point outside thereof in the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

**§ 906.8 Producer.**

*Producer* means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of fruit for market.

(a) *Independent producer.* *Independent producer* means any producer who does not market his fruit through a handler that is a cooperative marketing organization.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 906.9****§ 906.9 Grade and size.**

*Grade* means any one of the established grades of fruit and *size* means any one of the established sizes of fruit as defined and set forth in the applicable U.S. Standards for fruit (§§ 51.680 through 51.714 and §§ 51.620 through 51.653) issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based thereon recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

**§ 906.10 Pack.**

*Pack* means the specific grade, quality, size, or arrangement of fruit in a particular container or containers.

**§ 906.11 Maturity.**

*Maturity* means various degrees of ripeness for fruit as established by the committee with approval of the Secretary.

**§ 906.12 Container.**

*Container* means any box, bag, crate, hamper, basket, package, bulk carton, or any other type of receptacle used in the packaging, transportation, sale, or other handling of fruit.

**§ 906.13 Variety or varieties.**

*Variety or varieties* means any one or more of the following groupings or classifications of fruit: (a) Navel oranges; (b) Early and Midseason oranges, except Navel oranges; (c) Valencia and similar late type oranges; (d) white seeded grapefruit; (e) white seedless grapefruit; (f) pink and red seeded grapefruit; and (g) pink and red seedless grapefruit.

**§ 906.14 Committee.**

*Committee* means the Texas Valley Citrus Committee, established pursuant to § 906.18.

**§ 906.15 Fiscal period.**

*Fiscal period* means the period beginning August 1 and ending July 31 following; or such annual beginning and ending dates as may be approved by the Secretary pursuant to recommendations of the committee.

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*District* means any of the geographic divisions of the production area initially established pursuant to § 906.20 or as re-established pursuant to § 906.21.

**COMMITTEE****§ 906.18 Establishment and membership.**

(a) The Texas Valley Citrus Committee, consisting of fifteen (15) members is hereby established. For each member of the committee there shall be an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member.

(b) Nine members shall be producers who produce fruit in the district which they represent and are residents of the production area. Two of the producer members shall be producers who market their fruit through cooperative marketing organizations, and seven of the producer members shall be independent producers. Producer members shall not have a proprietary interest in or be employees of a handler organization: *Provided*, That members of a cooperative marketing organization shall not be considered as having a proprietary interest in a handler organization because of such membership.

(c) Six members shall be handlers who are residents of the production area. One handler member shall represent cooperative marketing organizations; five handler members shall represent independent handlers.

**§ 906.19 Term of office.**

(a) The term of office of committee members and their respective alternates shall be for three years beginning August 1 and ending July 31: *Provided*, That the term of office of one-third of the initial producer members and alternates and one-third of the initial handler members and alternates shall end July 31, 1961, and the term of office of an identical number of such committee members and alternates shall end July 31, 1962. No member or alternate member shall succeed himself.

(b) Members and alternates shall serve in that capacity during the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified, and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified. Should

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a producer member or alternate member change his marketing affiliation during his term of office, he may continue to serve in such capacity during the remainder of such term.

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**§ 906.20 Districts.**

For the purpose of determining the basis for selecting producer committee members the following districts of the production area are hereby initially established:

*District No. 1: The county of Cameron in the State of Texas;*

*District No. 2: The county of Hidalgo in the State of Texas; and*

*District No. 3 The county of Willacy in the State of Texas.*

**§ 906.21 Redistricting.**

The committee may recommend, and pursuant thereto the Secretary may approve, the reapportionment of members among districts, the reapportionment of members between grower and handler members representing cooperative marketing organizations and independent grower and independent handler members, and the re-establishment of districts within the production area. In recommending such changes, the committee shall give consideration to: (a) Shifts in production; (b) the importance of new production in its relation to existing districts; (c) the equitable relationship of committee membership and districts; (d) changes in amount of fruit handled by cooperative marketing organizations in relation to fruit handled by independent handlers; and (e) other relevant factors. No changes in districting or in apportionment of members may become effective in less than 30 days prior to the date on which terms of office begin each year and no recommendations for such redistricting or reapportionment may be made less than six months prior to such date.

**§ 906.22 Selection.**

(a) From District No. 1 the Secretary shall select initially two producer members and their alternates representing independent producers. From District No. 2 the Secretary shall se-

lect initially two producer members and their respective alternates representing producers who market their fruit through cooperative marketing organizations, and four producer members and their respective alternates representing independent producers. From District No. 3 the Secretary shall select initially one producer member and his alternate representing independent producers.

(b) From the production area the Secretary shall select initially six handler members and their respective alternates. One handler member shall represent cooperative marketing organizations and five handler members shall represent independent handlers.

**§ 906.23 Nominations.**

The Secretary may select the members of the committee and alternates from nominations which may be made in the following manner:

(a) A meeting of producers who are members of cooperative marketing organizations and a meeting of independent producers shall be held for each district having both cooperative and independent producer members and alternates to elect nominees for such positions. For all other districts, meetings of all producers shall be held for such purpose. A meeting of handlers representing cooperative marketing organizations and a meeting of independent handlers shall be held in the production area to elect nominees for handler members and alternates. For nominations to the initial committee, the meetings may be sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture or by any agency or group requested to do so by such Department. For nominations for succeeding members and alternates on the committee, the committee shall hold such meetings or cause them to be held prior to June 15 of each year, after the effective date of this subpart.

(b) At each such meeting at least one nomination shall be designated for each position as member and alternate.

(c) Nominations for committee members and alternates following the initial committee shall be supplied to the Secretary not later than July 1 each year.

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(d) In districts having both cooperative and independent producer members, only producers who market their fruit through cooperative marketing organizations may participate in designating nominees for members and alternates representing cooperative producers; and only independent producers may participate in designating nominees for members and alternates representing independent producers. In all other districts, all producers may participate in designating the nominees for producer members and alternates. Only handlers representing cooperative marketing organizations may participate in designating nominees for members and alternates representing cooperative handlers; and only independent handlers may participate in designating nominees for members and alternates representing independent handlers. In the event that a person is engaged in producing fruit in more than one district such person shall elect the district within which he may participate, as aforesaid, in designating nominees.

(e) Regardless of the amount of fruit handled by a handler or the number of districts in which a person produces fruit, each person is entitled to cast only one vote on behalf of himself, his agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and representatives in designating nominees for committee members and alternates. An eligible voter's privilege of casting only one vote shall be construed to permit a voter to cast one vote for each position to be filled. Votes must be cast in person at all nomination meetings.

**§ 906.24 Failure to nominate.**

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner specified in § 906.23, the Secretary may, without regard to nominations, select the committee members and alternates, which selection shall be on the basis of the representation provided for in §§ 906.20 through 906.22, inclusive.

**§ 906.25 Acceptance.**

Any person selected as a committee member or alternate shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary within ten days after being notified of such selection.

**§ 906.26 Vacancies.**

To fill committee vacancies, the Secretary may select such members or alternates from unselected nominees on the current nominee list from the district and group involved, or from nominations made in the manner specified in § 906.23. If the names of nominees to fill any such vacancy are not made available to the Secretary within 30 days after such vacancy occurs, such vacancy may be filled without regard to nominations, which selection shall be made on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 906.20 through 906.22, inclusive.

**§ 906.27 Alternate members.**

An alternate member of the committee shall act in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate, during such member's absence or when designated to do so by the member for whom he is an alternate. In the event both a member and his alternate are unable to attend a committee meeting, the committee members present may designate another alternate of the same classification (handler or producer, and to the extent practical, independent, or co-op) to serve in such member's place and stead. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his alternate shall act for him until a successor of such member is selected and has qualified.

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**§ 906.28 Procedure.**

Ten members of the committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, six of whom shall be producer members. Ten affirmative votes shall be required to pass any motion or approve any committee action. All votes shall be cast in person.

**§ 906.29 Expenses and compensation.**

The members of the committee, and alternates, shall serve without compensation; but they may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties and in the exercise of their powers under this subpart.

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### **§ 906.30 Powers.**

The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To administer the provisions of this part in accordance with its terms;
- (b) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this part;
- (c) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violation of the provisions of this part; and
- (d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part.

### **§ 906.31 Duties.**

It shall be, among other things, the duty of the committee:

- (a) At the beginning of each term of office, to meet and organize, to select a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, to select sub-committees, and to adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable;
- (b) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and any producer or handler;
- (c) To furnish to the Secretary such available information as he may request;
- (d) To appoint such employees, agents, and representatives as it may deem necessary and to determine the salaries and define the duties of each such person;
- (e) To require adequate fidelity bonds for all persons handling funds;
- (f) To investigate from time to time and to assemble data on the growing, harvesting, shipping, and marketing conditions with respect to fruit;
- (g) To prepare a marketing policy;
- (h) To recommend marketing regulations to the Secretary;
- (i) To recommend rules and procedures for, and to make determinations in connection with, issuance of certificates of privilege;
- (j) To keep minutes, books, and records which clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the committee; and such minutes, books, and records shall be subject to examination at any time by the Secretary or his authorized agent or representative; and minutes of each committee meeting shall be promptly submitted to the Secretary;

(k) At the beginning of each fiscal period, to prepare a budget of its expenses for such fiscal period, together with a report thereon;

(l) To cause the books of the committee to be audited by a competent accountant at least once each fiscal period, and at such other time as the committee may deem necessary or as the Secretary may request (the report of each such audit shall show the receipt and expenditure of funds collected pursuant to this part; a copy of each such report shall be furnished to the Secretary and a copy of each report shall be made available at the principal office of the committee for inspection by producers and handlers); and

(m) To consult, cooperate, and exchange information with other marketing agreement committees and other individuals or agencies in connection with all proper committee activities and objectives under this part.

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### **§ 906.32 Expenses.**

The committee is authorized to incur such expenses as the Secretary may find are reasonable and likely to be incurred during each fiscal period for its maintenance and functioning, and for such purposes as the Secretary, pursuant to this subpart, determines to be appropriate. Each handler's share of such expense shall be proportionate to the ratio between the total quantity of fruit handled by him as the first handler thereof during a fiscal period and the total quantity of fruit handled by all handlers as first handlers thereof during such fiscal period.

### **§ 906.33 Budget.**

At the beginning of each fiscal period and as may be necessary thereafter, the committee shall prepare an estimated budget of income and expenditures necessary for the administration of this part. The committee shall recommend the rate of assessment calculated to provide adequate funds to defray its proposed expenditures. The committee shall present such budget to the Secretary with an accompanying report showing the basis for its estimates and recommendations.

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(a) The funds to cover the committee's expenses shall be acquired by the levying of assessments upon handlers as provided in this subpart. Each handler who first handles fruit shall, with respect to the fruit so handled by him, pay assessments to the committee upon demand, which assessments shall be in payment of such handler's pro rata share of the committee's expenses.

(b) Assessments shall be levied upon handlers at rates established by the Secretary. Such rates may be established upon the basis of the committee's recommendations and other available information. Such rates may be applied to specified containers used in the production area.

(c) The rate of assessment may be increased at any time by the Secretary if he finds such increase is necessary in order that the money collected shall be adequate to cover the committee's expenses during a given fiscal period. Such increase shall be applicable to all fruit handled during such fiscal period.

(d) The payment of assessments for the maintenance and functioning of the committee may be required under this part throughout the period it is in effect irrespective of whether particular provisions of this part are suspended or become inoperative.

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### § 906.35 Accounting.

(a) If, at the end of a fiscal period, the assessments collected are in excess of expenses incurred, such excess shall be accounted for in accordance with one of the following:

(1) If such excess is not retained in a reserve, as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, it shall be refunded proportionately to the persons from whom collected.

(2) The committee, with the approval of the Secretary may carry over such excess into subsequent fiscal periods as a reserve: *Provided*, That funds already in the reserve do not equal approximately 1 fiscal period's expenses. Such reserve funds may be used for any expenses authorized pursuant to § 906.32 and for necessary expenses of liquida-

tion in the event of termination of this part. Upon such termination, any funds not required to defray the necessary expenses of liquidation shall be disposed of in such manner as the Secretary may determine to be appropriate. To the extent practical, such funds shall be returned pro rata to the persons from whom such funds were collected.

(b) All funds received by the committee pursuant to the provisions of this part shall be used solely for the purpose specified in this part and shall be accounted for in the manner provided in this part. The Secretary may at any time require the committee and its members to account for all receipts and disbursements.

(c) Upon the removal or expiration of the terms of office of any member of the committee, such member shall account for all receipts and disbursements and deliver all property and funds in his possession to the committee, and shall execute such assignments and other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to vest in the committee full title to all of the property, funds, and claims vested in such member pursuant to this part.

(d) The committee may make recommendations to the Secretary for one or more of the members thereof, or any other person, to act as a trustee for holding records, funds, or any other committee property during periods of suspension of this subpart, or during any period or periods when regulations are not in effect, and if the Secretary determines such action appropriate, he may direct that such person or persons shall act as trustee or trustees for the committee.

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### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### § 906.37 Research and development.

The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish or provide for the establishment of marketing research and development projects, including paid advertising, designed to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, and consumption

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of fruit. Any such project for the promotion and advertising of fruit may utilize an identifying mark which shall be made available for use by all handlers in accordance with such terms and conditions as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe. The expenses of such projects shall be paid from funds collected pursuant to § 906.34.

[31 FR 10462, Aug. 4, 1966]

**REGULATION****§ 906.38 Marketing policy.**

Prior to or at the same time as initial recommendations are made pursuant to § 906.39, the committee shall submit to the Secretary a report setting forth the marketing policy it deems desirable for the industry to follow in shipping fruit from the production area during the ensuing season. Additional reports shall be submitted from time to time if it is deemed advisable by the committee to adopt a new or modified marketing policy because of changes in the demand and supply situation with respect to fruit. The committee shall publicly announce the submission of each marketing policy report and copies thereof shall be available at the committee's office for inspection by any producer or handler. In determining each such marketing policy the committee shall give due consideration to the following:

- (a) Market prices of fruit, including prices by grade, size, and quality in different packs, and such prices by foreign competing areas;
- (b) Supply of fruit, by grade, size, and quality in the production area, and in other production areas, including foreign production areas;
- (c) Trend and level of consumer income;
- (d) Marketing conditions affecting fruit prices; and
- (e) Other relevant factors.

**§ 906.39 Recommendations for regulations.**

The committee, upon complying with the requirements of § 906.38, may recommend regulations to the Secretary whenever it finds that such regulations, as are provided for in this subpart, will tend to effectuate the de-

clared policy of the act. The committee shall give notice to handlers of any such recommendation at the same time such recommendation is submitted to the Secretary.

**§ 906.40 Issuance of regulations.**

The Secretary shall limit the handling of fruit whenever he finds from the recommendation and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that such regulation would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act. Such regulations may:

- (a) Limit the handling of particular grades, sizes, qualities, maturities, or packs of any or all varieties of fruit during a specified period or periods: *Provided*, That specific maturity requirements applicable to the handling of any variety may be prescribed under this section only in the event that appropriate maturity requirements for such variety are not in effect under State authority.
- (b) Limit the handling of particular grades, sizes, qualities, or packs of fruit differently for different varieties, for different containers, for different purposes specified in § 906.42, or any combination of the foregoing, during any period.
- (c) Limit the handling of fruit by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality and maturity.
- (d) Fix the size, weight, capacity, dimensions, or pack of the container or containers which may be used in the packaging, transportation, sale, shipment, or other handling of fruit.
- (e) Prohibit the handling (1) of any fruit which does not have marked on each container the grade or the registered grade label of the fruit contained therein; (2) of any grapefruit which does not have marked on each fruit the word *Texas* or other words implying Texas origin, except that the committee may recommend and the Secretary establish a tolerance for grapefruit in any container or lot not so marked; and (3) of any container fruit which is misbranded as to variety.
- (f) No regulations may be issued under the provisions of this subpart which allots to individual handlers the

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quantity of fruit which each handler may ship during any regulation period.

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**§ 906.41 Gift fruit shipments.**

The handling to any person of gift packages of fruit individually addressed to such person, in quantities aggregating not more than 500 pounds and not for resale, are exempt from the provisions of §§ 906.34, 906.40, and 906.45, and the regulations issued thereunder, but shall conform to such safeguards as may be established pursuant to § 906.43.

**§ 906.42 Shipments for special purposes.**

Upon the basis of recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or other available information, the Secretary, whenever he finds that it will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, shall modify, suspend, or terminate regulations issued pursuant to §§ 906.34, 906.40, 906.45, or any combination thereof, in order to facilitate the handling of fruit:

- (a) For relief or for charity;
- (b) For processing or for manufacture or conversion into specified products; and
- (c) In such minimum quantities and for such other purposes as may be specified by the committee with the approval of the Secretary.

**§ 906.43 Notification of regulations.**

The Secretary shall notify the committee of any regulations issued or of any modification, suspension, or termination thereof. The committee shall give reasonable notice thereof to handlers.

**§ 906.44 Safeguards.**

(a) The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe adequate safeguards to prevent the handling of fruit pursuant to § 906.41 or § 906.42 from entering channels of trade for other than the specific purpose authorized therefor, and rules governing the issuance and the contents of certificates of privilege if such certificates are prescribed as safeguards by the committee. Such safeguards may include requirements that:

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(1) Handlers shall file applications with the committee to ship fruit pursuant to §§ 906.41 and 906.42.

(2) Handlers shall obtain inspection provided by § 906.45, or pay the assessment levied pursuant to § 906.34, or both, in connection with shipments made under § 906.42: *Provided*, That such inspection and assessment requirements shall not apply to fruit handled for canning or freezing.

(3) Handlers shall obtain certificates of privilege from the committee to handle fruit affected or to be affected under the provisions of §§ 906.41 and 906.42.

(b) The committee may rescind or deny certificates of privilege to any handler if proof is obtained that fruit handled by him for the purposes stated in §§ 906.41 and 906.42 was handled contrary to the provisions of this part.

(c) The Secretary shall have the right to modify, change, alter, or rescind any safeguards prescribed and any certificates issued by the committee pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(d) The committee shall make reports to the Secretary, as requested, showing the number of applications for such certificates, the quantity of fruit covered by such applications, the number of such applications denied and certificates granted, the quantity of fruit handled under duly issued certificates, and such other information as may be requested.

**INSPECTION****§ 906.45 Inspection and certification.**

(a) During any period in which handling of a variety of a type of fruit is regulated pursuant to §§ 906.34, 906.40, 906.42, or any combination thereof, no handler shall handle any variety of such type of fruit which has not been inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service, unless such handling is relieved from such requirements pursuant to § 906.41 or § 906.42, or both;

(b) Regrading, resorting, or repacking any lot of fruit shall invalidate any prior inspection insofar as the requirements of this section are concerned. No handler shall handle fruit after it has been regraded, resorted, repacked, or in

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any other way prepared for market, unless each lot of fruit is inspected by an authorized representative of the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service: *Provided*, That the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may provide for waiving inspection requirements on any fruit in circumstances where it appears reasonably certain that, after regrading, resorting, or repacking, such fruit meets the applicable quality and other standards then in effect;

(c) Insofar as the requirements of this section are concerned, the length of time for which an inspection certificate is valid may be established by the committee with the approval of the Secretary;

(d) When fruit is inspected in accordance with the requirements of this section a copy of each inspection certificate issued shall be made available to the committee by the inspection service;

(e) The committee may recommend and the Secretary may require that any fruit handled or transported by motor vehicle shall be accompanied by a copy of the inspection certificate issued thereon, which certificate shall be surrendered to such authority as may be designated.

**REPORTS****§ 906.51 Reports.**

Upon request of the committee, made with the approval of the Secretary, each handler shall furnish to the committee, in such manner and at such time as it may prescribe, such reports and other information as may be necessary for the committee to perform its duties under this part.

(a) Such reports may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

(1) The quantities of fruit received by a handler;

(2) The quantities disposed of by him, segregated as to the respective quantities subject to regulation and not subject to regulation;

(3) The date of each such disposition and the identification of the carrier transporting such fruit;

(4) Identification of the inspection certificates, and the certificates of

privilege, if any, pursuant to which the fruit was handled, together with the destination of each lot of fruit handled pursuant to § 906.41.

(b) All such reports shall be held under appropriate protective classification and custody of the committee, or duly appointed employees thereof, so that the information contained therein which may adversely affect the competitive position of any handler in relation to other handlers will not be disclosed. Compilations of general reports from data submitted by handlers is authorized, subject to prohibition of disclosure of individual handlers identities or operations.

(c) Each handler shall maintain for at least two succeeding years such records of the fruit received and disposed of by such handler as may be necessary to verify the reports he submits to the committee pursuant to this section.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS****§ 906.52 Compliance.**

Except as provided in this subpart, no handler shall handle fruit, the handling of which has been prohibited by the Secretary in accordance with provisions of this subpart, or the rules and regulations issued thereunder, and no handler shall handle fruit except in conformity to the provisions of this part.

**§ 906.53 Right of the Secretary.**

The members of the committee (including successors and alternates), and any agent or employee appointed or employed by the committee, shall be subject to removal or suspension by the Secretary at any time. Each and every order, regulation, decision, determination or other act of the committee shall be subject to the continuing right of the Secretary to disapprove of the same at any time. Upon such disapproval, the disapproved action of the said committee shall be deemed null and void, except as to acts done in reliance thereon or in compliance therewith prior to such disapproval by the Secretary.

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The provisions of this subpart, or any amendment thereto, shall become effective at such time as the Secretary may declare and shall continue in force until terminated in one of the ways specified in this subpart.

**§ 906.55 Termination.**

(a) The Secretary may, at any time, terminate the provisions of this subpart by giving at least one day's notice by means of a press release or in any other manner he may determine.

(b) The Secretary may terminate or suspend the operation of any or all of the provisions of this subpart whenever he finds that such provisions do not tend to effectuate the declared policy.

(c) The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this subpart at the end of any fiscal period whenever he finds that such termination is favored by a majority of producers who, during a representative period, have been engaged in the production of fruit for market: *Provided*, That such majority has, during such representative period, produced for market more than fifty percent of the volume of such fruit produced for market.

(d) The provisions of this subpart shall, in any event, terminate whenever the provisions of the act authorizing them cease to be in effect.

**§ 906.56 Proceedings after termination.**

(a) Upon the termination of the provisions of this subpart the then functioning members of the committee shall, for the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the committee continue as joint trustees of all the funds and property then in the possession of or under control of the committee, including claims for any funds unpaid or property not delivered at the time of such termination. Action by said trusteeship shall require the concurrence of a majority of the said trustees.

(b) The said trustees shall continue in such capacity until discharged by the Secretary; shall, from time to time, account for all receipts and disbursements and deliver all property on hand, together with all books and records of the committee and of the trustees, to such person as the Secretary may direct; and shall, upon the

request of the Secretary, execute such assignments or other instruments necessary or appropriate to vest in such person full title and right to all funds, property, and claims vested in the committee or the trustees pursuant to this subpart.

(c) Any person to whom funds, property, or claims have been transferred or delivered by the committee or its members pursuant to this section, shall be subject to the same obligations imposed upon the members of the committee and upon the said trustees.

**§ 906.57 Effect of termination or amendment.**

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the termination of this subpart or of any regulation issued pursuant to this subpart, or the issuance of any amendments to either thereof, shall not (a) affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability which shall have arisen or which may thereafter arise in connection with any provision of this subpart or any regulation issued under this subpart, or (b) release or extinguish any violation of this subpart or of any regulations issued under this subpart, or (c) affect or impair any rights or remedies of the Secretary or of any other person with respect to any such violations.

**§ 906.58 Duration of immunities.**

The benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred upon any person by virtue of this subpart shall cease upon the termination of this subpart, except with respect to acts done under and during the existence of this subpart.

**§ 906.59 Agents.**

The Secretary may, by designation in writing, name any person, including any officer or employee of the United States, or name any agency in the United States Department of Agriculture, to act as his agent or representative in connection with any of the provisions of this subpart.

**§ 906.60 Derogation.**

Nothing contained in this subpart is, or shall be construed to be, in derogation or in modification of the rights of the Secretary or of the United States to exercise any powers granted by the

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act or otherwise, or in accordance with such powers, to act in the premises whenever such action is deemed advisable.

### § 906.61 Personal liability.

No member or alternate of the committee or any employee or agent thereof, shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others, in any way whatsoever, to any handler or to any person for errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate, agent, or employee, except for act of dishonesty, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

### § 906.62 Separability.

If any provision of this subpart is declared invalid, or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, or thing is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this subpart, or the applicability thereof to any other person, circumstance, or things, shall not be affected thereby.

## Subpart B—Administrative Requirements

### § 906.120 Fruit exempt from regulations.

(a) *Minimum quantity.* Any person or the occupants of any one vehicle may ship fruit from the production area during any one day exempt from the requirements of §§ 906.34, 906.40, and 906.45, and regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That the shipment does not exceed 400 pounds of fruit (either oranges or grapefruit or a combination of both), it consists solely of fruit not for resale, and it is not part of a shipment of fruit exceeding 400 pounds.

(b) *Processing.* The term *processing* as used in § 906.42(b) means the manufacture of any orange or grapefruit product which has been converted into sectioned fruit or into fresh juice, or preserved by any commercial process, including canning, freezing, dehydrating, drying, and the addition of chemical substances, or by fermentation. Fruit so processed, if handled in accordance with § 906.123, shall be exempt from the provisions of §§ 906.34 and 906.40.

(c) *Special purpose shipments and safeguards.* (1) Fruit may be handled for relief or charity exempt from the requirements of §§ 906.34, 906.40, and 906.45 and the regulations issued thereunder: *Provided*, That the fruit shall not be offered for resale, and the handler submits, prior to any such handling, an application to the committee on forms provided by the committee. The application shall contain the name and address of the handler and such other information that the committee may require including, but not limited to, the quantity of fruit involved, license number of the conveyance, and supporting documentation. Approval of the application by the committee shall be evidenced by the issuance of a certificate of privilege to the applicant in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) Gift packages of fruit handled pursuant to § 906.41 shall be in containers stamped or marked with the handler's name and address.

(3) Fruit may be handled exempt from regulations issued pursuant to § 906.40(d), if the following conditions are met:

(i) Each fiscal period the handler submits prior to such handling a written application to the committee on forms provided by the committee. The application shall contain the name and address of the handler, and a description of the container or containers in which such fruit would be handled.

(ii) The fruit grades at least U.S. No. 1.

(iii) The fruit is handled in closed fully telescopic fiberboard cartons with inside dimensions of  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and the cover and bottom section have a Mullen or Cady test of at least 250 pounds; in six-packs; in 12-packs; in baskets of a capacity of 1 bushel or less; or in any of the containers authorized under § 906.340, provided they are stamped or marked *special purpose shipment*.

(iv) Each handler shall file a report with the committee within 1 business day after each shipment handled pursuant to paragraph (c)(3). Such report shall contain the name and address of the handler; date fruit is handled; the number and type of containers and packs in such shipment; the inspection certificate numbers applicable to such

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shipment; name and address of the purchaser; and the license number of the truck, trailer, or automobile, as the case may be, in which the shipment was loaded.

(4) Oranges and grapefruit grown in the production area may be handled exempt from container and pack regulations issued pursuant to § 906.40(d), under the following conditions:

(i) Such oranges and/or grapefruit grown in the production area are mixed with other types of fruit;

(ii) Such oranges and/or grapefruit grown in the production area constitute at least one-third by volume of the contents of any container, and any such container is not larger than a  $\frac{1}{10}$  bushel carton.

(iii) Such grapefruit grown in the production area grade at least U.S. No. 1, and such oranges grown in the production area grade at least U.S. Combination (with not less than 60 percent, by count, of the oranges in any lot grading at least U.S. No. 1).

(d) The committee or its duly authorized agents, shall approve or deny each handler's request to handle fruit under paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(3) of this section and promptly notify such handler in writing of its decision: *Provided*, That if it approves a handler's request, it shall issue a certificate of privilege as provided in § 906.44, but if it denies a request it shall advise the handler why the application was denied. The committee may rescind a certificate of privilege issued to a handler, or deny a certificate of privilege to a handler upon proof satisfactory to the committee that such handler has shipped fruit contrary to the provisions of this part. Such action denying a certificate of privilege shall apply to and not exceed a reasonable period of time as determined by the committee. Any handler who has had a certificate of privilege rescinded or denied may file a written appeal with the committee for reconsideration.

(e) *Terms*. The term *bushel* means a unit of measure equivalent to 2,150.42 cubic inches; the term *six-pack* means any container with a capacity of one-fourth of a bushel, the term *basket* means any container made of interwoven material; the term *closed* means closed in accordance with good com-

mercial practices; and terms relating to grade mean the same as in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.620 through 51.653), or in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.680 through 51.714).

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**§ 906.121 Reestablishment of districts.**

The three districts of the production area specified in § 906.20 *Districts* are reestablished as a single district comprising the entire production area.

[34 FR 6651, Apr. 18, 1969]

**§ 906.122 [Reserved]****§ 906.123 Fruit for processing.**

(a) No person shall be granted exemption from regulation to handle oranges and grapefruit for processing unless such fruit is shipped to an approved processor. All such shipments to an approved processor shall be reported to the committee on a form approved by it.

(b) *Approved processor*. Any person who desires to acquire, as an approved processor, fruit for processing, as set forth in § 906.120(b), shall, prior thereto, file an application with the committee on a form approved by it, which shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) Name and address of applicant;  
(2) Location of plant or plants where manufacturing is to take place;

(3) Approximate quantity of fruit used each month;

(4) A statement that the fruit obtained exempt from fresh fruit regulations will not be resold or transferred for resale, directly or indirectly, but will be used only for processing;

(5) A statement agreeing to hold a license issued under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499r), and regulations issued

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thereunder (7 CFR part 46) when buying Texas oranges and grapefruit for processing;

(6) A statement agreeing to undergo random inspection by the committee;

(7) A statement that the requesting processor has no facilities, equipment, or outlet to repack or sell fruit in fresh form;

(8) A statement agreeing to submit such reports as are required by the committee.

Such application shall be investigated by the committee staff. After such investigation, the staff shall report its findings to the committee at its next meeting or to its delegated subcommittee. Based upon the staff's report and other reliable information, the committee or delegated subcommittee shall approve or disapprove the application and notify the applicant accordingly. If the application is approved, the applicant's name shall be placed upon the list of approved processors.

(c) *Certificate by processors.* Upon request by the committee each approved processor shall submit to the committee on or before the 10th day of each month a report of the oranges and grapefruit used during the preceding calendar month. Each report shall contain a certificate to the United States Department of Agriculture and to the committee as to the truthfulness of the information shown therein.

(d) *Diversion report.* Each handler who ships fruit to processors for processing shall report to the committee on a form approved by it the following information:

(1) Name and address of the processor's place of business where the fruit was shipped;

(2) The net weight of oranges or grapefruit;

(3) Truck license number or rail car initial and number;

(4) Inspection certificate number; and

(5) Such other information as the committee may require.

The handler shall prepare 4 copies of the report and sign them. The original copy shall be submitted to the committee within 7 days. One copy shall be retained by the handler. One copy shall be given to the party transporting the fruit who, upon arrival at the proc-

essor's place of business, shall turn it over to the party receiving the fruit with the understanding that the processor will record thereon the actual net weight of the fruit received and forward such copy to the committee office. One copy shall be submitted to the processor along with the invoice.

[39 FR 44736, Dec. 27, 1974, as amended at 54 FR 18095, Apr. 27, 1989]

**§ 906.137 Handlers use of identifying marks utilized by the committee in promotional and advertising projects.**

(a) Pursuant to § 906.37, the identifying marks "Texasweet", "Sweeter By Nature", "Texas Fancy", and "Texas Choice" shall be available to handlers only under the following terms and conditions:

(1) The identifying marks "Texasweet" and "Sweeter by Nature" may severally or jointly be affixed only to containers of grapefruit or to individual grapefruit comprising a lot which grades at least U.S. No. 1.

(2) The identifying mark "Texas Fancy" may be affixed only to containers of grapefruit or to individual grapefruit comprising a lot which grades at least U.S. No. 1 with no more than 40 percent of the surface of the grapefruit, in the aggregate, affected by discoloration.

(3) The identifying mark "Texas Choice" may be affixed only to containers of grapefruit or to individual grapefruit comprising a lot which grades at least U.S. No. 2, with no more than 60 percent of the surface of the grapefruit, in the aggregate, affected by discoloration.

(4) The identifying marks "Texasweet" and "Sweeter by Nature" may severally or jointly be affixed only to containers of oranges or to individual oranges comprising a lot which grades at least U.S. Combination, with not less than 60 percent, by count, of the oranges in each container thereof grading at least U.S. No. 1 and the remainder U.S. No. 2.

(5) The identifying mark "Texas Choice" may be affixed only to containers of oranges or to individual oranges comprising a lot which grades at least U.S. No. 2, except that in determining whether the fruit is reasonably

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well colored the yellow or orange color must predominate over the green color on at least 75 percent of the fruit surface in the aggregate which is not discolored.

(b) When used herein, terms relating to grade shall have the same meaning as is given to the respective term in the U.S. Standards for Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.620 through 51.653) and in the U.S. Standards for Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.680 through 51.714).

[33 FR 14069, Sept. 17, 1968, as amended at 53 FR 40398, Oct. 17, 1988; 53 FR 50916, Dec. 19, 1988; 70 FR 51578, Aug. 31, 2005]

**§ 906.151 Reports.**

(a) During each fiscal period, each handler shall upon request by the committee file with the committee within the time specified in the request an accurate report showing the total quantity of oranges and the total quantity of grapefruit received by him during such fiscal period or the preceding fiscal period, as requested.

(b) Each handler who sells over 400 pounds of oranges or grapefruit or a combination of both for resale inside the production area shall, for each transaction, report to the committee on a form approved by it the following information:

- (1) Name and address of seller;
- (2) Name and address of buyer;
- (3) Description and quantity of oranges or grapefruit sold;
- (4) Destination of fruit;
- (5) A statement that the buyer certifies that fruit that is subsequently taken outside the production area for resale will be inspected; and
- (6) Such other pertinent information as the committee may require.

(c) The handler shall prepare the report in triplicate. The buyer shall sign the certification statement. The pink copy shall be submitted to the committee within 7 days. The white copy shall be retained by the handler and the canary copy shall be given to the buyer. Such form shall be reviewed by

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the committee staff and the information compiled for the committee's use.

[34 FR 6651, Apr. 18, 1969, as amended at 61 FR 64255, Dec. 4, 1996; 62 FR 3603, Jan. 24, 1997]

**§ 906.235 Assessment rate.**

On and after August 1, 2022, an assessment rate of \$0.03 per  $\frac{1}{10}$ -bushel carton or equivalent is established for oranges and grapefruit grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

[88 FR 14481, Mar. 9, 2023]

**Subpart C—Container and Pack Requirements****§ 906.340 Container, pack, and container marking regulations.**

(a) No handler shall handle any variety of oranges or grapefruit grown in the production area unless such fruit is in one of the following containers, and the fruit is packed and the containers are marked as specified in this section:

(1) *Containers.* (i) Closed fiberboard carton with approximate inside dimensions of  $13\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{4}$  inches: *Provided*, That the container has a Mullen or Cady test of at least 200 pounds;

(ii) Closed fully telescopic fiberboard carton with approximate inside dimensions of  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$  inches (Standard carton);

(iii) Poly or mesh bags having a capacity of 4, 5, 8, 10, or 18 pounds of fruit;

(iv) Rectangular or octagonal bulk fiberboard crib with approximate dimensions of 46 to  $47\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, 37 to 38 inches in width, and 36 inches in height: *Provided*, That the container has a Mullen or Cady test of at least 1,300 pounds, and that it is used only once for the shipment of citrus fruit: *And Provided further*, That the container may be used to pack any poly or mesh bags authorized in this section, or bulk fruit;

(v) Rectangular or octagonal  $\frac{2}{3}$  fiberboard crib with approximate dimensions of 46 to  $47\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, 37 to 38 inches in width, and 24 inches in height: *Provided*, That the crib has a Mullen or Cady test of at least 1,300 pounds, and that it is used only once for the shipment of citrus fruit: *And Provided further*, That the container

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may be used to pack any poly or mesh bags authorized in this section, or bulk fruit;

(vi) Octagonal fiberboard crib with approximate dimensions of 46 to 47½ inches in width, 37 to 38 inches in depth, and 26 to 26½ inches in height: *Provided*, That the crib has a Mullen or Cady test of at least 1,300 pounds, and that it is used only once for the shipment of citrus fruit: *And Provided further*, That the crib may be used to pack any poly or mesh bags authorized in this section, or bulk fruit;

(vii) Fiberboard box holding two layers of fruit, with approximate dimensions of 23 inches in length, 15½ inches in width, and 7 inches in depth;

(viii) Reusable collapsible plastic container with approximate dimensions of 23 inches in length, 15 inches in width, and 7 to 11 inches in depth;

(ix) Reusable collapsible plastic bin with approximate dimensions of 36¾ x 44¾ x 27 inches;

(x) Octagonal bulk triple wall fiberboard crib with approximate dimensions of 37¾ inches in length, 25 inches in width, and 25 inches in height: *Provided*, That the container has a Mullen or Cady test of at least 1,100 pounds: *And Provided further*, That the container may be used to pack any poly or mesh bags authorized in this section, or bulk fruit;

(xi) Bag having the capacity of 15 pounds of fruit, either in a combination ½ poly and ½ mesh bag or mesh bag;

(xii) Reusable collapsible plastic mini bin with approximate dimensions of 39½ inches in length, 24 inches in width, and 30½ inches in height: *Provided*, That the container may be used to pack any poly or mesh bags authorized in this section, or bulk fruit;

(xiii) Bag having the capacity of three pounds of fruit;

(xiv) Standard carton with approximate inside dimensions of 16.375 x 10.6875 x 10.25 inches;

(xv) ⅔ Body master carton with approximate inside dimensions of 19.5385 x 13.125 x 11.625 inches, one piece;

(xvi) Euro ⅔ (5 Down) with approximate inside dimensions of 22.813 x 14.688 x 7.0 up to 7.936 inches;

(xvii) Fiberboard one piece display container with approximate inside di-

mensions of 23 inches x 15 inches x 9½ up to 10½ inches in depth;

(xviii) Such types and sizes of containers as may be approved by the committee for testing in connection with a research project conducted by or in co-operation with the committee: *Provided*, That the handling of each lot of fruit in such test containers shall be subject to prior approval and under the supervision of the committee.

(2) *Pack regulation*—(i) *Oranges*. (A) Oranges, when packed in any carton, bag, or other container, shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in the following Table I, and meet the requirements of standard pack; and, when in containers not packed according to a definite pattern, shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in Table I and otherwise meet the requirements of standard sizing: *Provided*, That the packing tolerances in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona), shall apply to fruit so packed. All fruit packed to size 163 in the following Table I shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in Table I but need not otherwise meet the requirements of standard sizing or standard pack: *Provided*, That they meet the same tolerances for off-size and pack as defined in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona):

TABLE I—ORANGES  
[⅓ bushel carton]

Rack size/ number of oranges	Diameter in inches	
	Minimum	Maximum
24 .....	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
32 .....	3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
36 .....	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	4 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
40 .....	3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
48 .....	2 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	4
56 .....	2 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	3 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
64 .....	2 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	3 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
72 .....	2 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	3 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
88 .....	2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	3 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
113 .....	2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	3
138 .....	2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	2 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>16</sub>
163 .....	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub>	2 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>16</sub>

(B) If ⅓ bushel containers of oranges are marked, the count of fruit in each container shall not be less than the count marked on the container, but may exceed the count marked on the container by not more than 8 percent.

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When packed in marked containers other than  $\frac{7}{10}$  bushel, the pack sizes applicable to  $\frac{7}{10}$  bushel containers shall also apply to such containers.

(ii) *Grapefruit.* (A) Grapefruit, when packed in any carton, bag, or other container, shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in the following Table II, except as otherwise provided in the regulations issued pursuant to this part, and meet the requirements of standard pack; and, when in containers not packed according to a definite pattern, shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in Table II: Provided, That the packing tolerances in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona), shall apply to fruit so packed. All fruit packed to size 64 in the following Table II shall be sized in accordance with the sizes in Table II but need not otherwise meet the requirements of standard pack: Provided, That they meet the same tolerances for off-size and pack as defined in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona).

TABLE II—GRAPEFRUIT  
[ $\frac{7}{10}$  Bushel carton]

Pack size/ number of grapefruit	Diameter in inches	
	Minimum	Maximum
18 .....	$4\frac{1}{16}$	$5\frac{1}{16}$
23 .....	$4\frac{5}{16}$	5
27 .....	$4\frac{7}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
32 .....	$3\frac{15}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{16}$
36 .....	$3\frac{13}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{16}$
40 .....	$3\frac{11}{16}$	$4\frac{1}{16}$
48 .....	$3\frac{9}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$
56 .....	$3\frac{7}{16}$	$3\frac{1}{16}$
64 .....	3	$3\frac{3}{16}$

(B) If  $\frac{7}{10}$  bushel containers of grapefruit are marked, the count of fruit in the container shall not be less than the count marked on the container, but may exceed the count marked on the container by not more than 8 percent. When packed in marked containers other than  $\frac{7}{10}$  bushel, the pack sizes applicable to  $\frac{7}{10}$  bushel containers shall also apply to such containers.

(3) *Container grade markings.* Except when the identifying marks "Texas Choice" or "Texas Fancy" are used by handlers pursuant to § 906.137, any container of U.S. No. 2 grade fruit shall be marked to indicate the grade of the

fruit in letters and numbers at least three-fourths inch in height: *Provided*, That bags containing five or eight pounds of fruit shall be so marked with letters and numbers at least one-fourth inch in height prominently displayed on the front panel of the bag. The requirements of this paragraph (a)(3) will not be effective until February 16, 1992.

(b) *Nonapplicability.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to gift packages of fruit.

(c) As used herein, terms relating to grade, pack, standard pack, and diameter mean the same as defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona), (7 CFR 51.680 through 51.714), or in the United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona), (7 CFR 51.620 through 51.658); and *closed* means closed in accordance with good commercial practices.

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### § 906.365 Texas Orange and Grapefruit Regulation 34.

(a) No handler shall handle any variety of oranges or grapefruit grown in the production area unless:

(1) Such oranges grade U.S. Fancy, U.S. No. 1, U.S. No. 1 Bright, U.S. No. 1 Bronze, U.S. Combination (with not less than 60 percent, by count, of the oranges in any lot thereof grading at least U.S. No. 1), or U.S. No. 2;

(2) Such oranges are at least pack size 163 with a minimum diameter of 2-3/16 inches;

(3) Such grapefruit grade U.S. Fancy, U.S. No. 1, U.S. No. 1 Bright, or U.S. No. 1 Bronze, or meet the quality requirements of "Texas Fancy" or "Texas Choice" as defined in § 906.137 of this part;

(4) Such grapefruit are at least pack size 64 with a minimum diameter of 3 inches.

(5) An appropriate inspection certificate has been issued for such fruit within 48 hours prior to the time of shipment. No handler may transport by

motor vehicle or cause the transportation of any shipment of fruit for which an inspection certificate is required unless each such shipment is accompanied by a copy of the inspection certificate applicable thereto, and a copy of such inspection certificate is surrendered upon request to Texas Department of Agriculture personnel designated by the committee.

(6) The fruit meets all the applicable container and pack requirements effective under this marketing order.

(7) Beginning in 1995, this paragraph (a) is suspended each year from July 1 through August 31 of each year.

(b) Terms relating to grade, pack size, and diameter shall mean the same as in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Oranges (Texas and States other than Florida, California, and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.680 through 51.714) or in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (Texas and States other than Florida, California and Arizona) (7 CFR 51.620 through 51.653).

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