

**FARM SERVICE AGENCY
ADDENDUM TO THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT
TO ELECTRONICALLY FILE AND MAINTAIN UNITED STATES
WAREHOUSE ACT COTTON CLASS CERTIFICATES**

This Addendum

_____ (hereafter "Provider") and the Farm Service Agency (hereafter "FSA") authorizes the Provider to establish and maintain a database and system for the purpose of electronically filing cotton classification certificates issued under the United States Warehouse Act (hereafter "USWA") in a central data filing system (hereafter "central filing system" or "CFS"). Such electronically filed certificates are hereafter referred to herein as "electronic cotton class certificates (ECCCs)."

This Addendum sets forth the Provider's minimum requirements for ECCC record formatting, reporting requirements, and the protocols to be used in the transmission of such information.

I. Document Record Data Requirements

FSA, in administration of the USWA, the regulations found at 7 CFR Part 735, the Provider Agreement To Electronically File And Maintain Electronic Warehouse Receipts and United States Warehouse Act Documents and this Addendum, may at any time require the Provider to furnish information beyond the minimum requirements shown in this Addendum.

A. Required Information

The Provider shall, at a minimum make the elements listed below available to every USWA warehouse operator issuing ECCCs in the CFS. The Provider shall ensure that all of these fields are completed by all warehouse operators. It is each individual warehouse operator's responsibility to supply the necessary data to complete each element. This Addendum does not restrict the number of fields that may be made available to warehouse operators.

License number

Certificate number

Issuance date

Name of warehouse

Location of warehouse (City)

Location of warehouse (State)

Location of the cotton at the time of this service

Identification of each bale

Grade or other class except length of staple and the standard or description in accordance with which the classification is made

Staple length

Name of person authorized to sign certificate

Terms and conditions (These terms and conditions that apply to each ECCC must be furnished by the individual warehouse operator issuing the ECCCs. Refer to Item III for required statements).

B. Additional Information

The Provider shall, at a minimum make the elements listed below available to every USWA warehouse operator issuing ECCCs in the CFS. The Provider shall ensure that all of these fields are completed by all warehouse operators. It is each individual warehouse operator's responsibility to supply the necessary data to complete each element. This Addendum does not restrict the number of fields that may be made available to warehouse operators. FSA may allow a user of the Provider's system to modify the elements listed below without being the holder of the certificate. The Provider shall notify the current holder of the certificate of any changes.

Holder

Warehouse Code

Paper certificate number (if applicable)

License Type, US if Federally Licensed, NL if not licensed or the two letter Postal abbreviation if State Licensed, will precede or follow the certificate number

C. Converting Electronic to paper

When converting from an electronic to a paper certificate, the Provider shall advise the warehouse operator to print on the face of the paper certificate the ECCC number.

II. Transmission of Data

Upon request by FSA, all transmissions of data shall be secured and transmitted via telecommunications hardware and software according to the requirements described in Attachment I Provider Specifications for interfacing with Warehouse Examiners' Communications Software (WECS).

III. Terms and Conditions for USWA Licensed Warehouse Operators

The following information must be shown on all ECCCs.

The statements:

“United States Warehouse Act, Cotton Class Certificate”

“Certificate issued by an classifier licensed under the United States Warehouse Act and regulations thereunder”

Provider

Signature

Title

Date

Director, Kansas City Commodity Office, FSA

Date

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The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is the regulations at 7 CFR 735. The information will be used to complete the terms of a license and contract between the warehouse operator and the Deputy Administrator Commodity Operations. Furnishing the requested information is voluntary, however, without it, eligibility to become a provider under the United States Warehouse Act and the decision as to the applicant's eligibility for a provider agreement must be made in part on the basis of the information provided. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal law enforcement agencies, and in response to a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 U.S.C. 286, 287, 371, 641, 651, 1001; 1014, and 31 U.S.C. 3729, may be applicable to the information provided.

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