

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
United States Warehouse Act

**ADDENDUM TO THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT TO ELECTRONICALLY
FILE AND MAINTAIN RICE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS**

This Addendum between (a) _____

(Provider) and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) authorizes the Provider to establish and maintain a database and system, referred to as a central filing system (CFS) for the purpose of electronically filing rice electronic warehouse receipts issued under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA) and permits the Provider to accept the filing of electronic warehouse receipts from other than USWA licensed warehouse operators in such electronic data filing system. Such electronically filed warehouse receipts for rice are hereafter referred to as "Electronic Warehouse Receipts (EWRs)."

Rice is defined as all products commonly classed as rough or milled rice and such other rice products as are ordinarily stored in rice warehouses, subject to the disapproval of the AMS.

Notwithstanding any Federal law or Department of Agriculture (USDA) data security restrictions, nothing contained herein should be interpreted or construed by a Provider so as to deny cooperation with a State licensing authority with respect to access to examination or investigation data stored in a CFS by a State licensed warehouse.

The Provider shall not warrant nor guarantee any part of the underlining transaction or activity that involves the use of the Provider's CFS to perfect or consummate such a transaction or activity. The underlining transaction or activity shall be administered and governed by the applicable Federal or State rule of law.

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

I. Common Computing Environment and eAuthentication

The Provider will, at a minimum, make available a common computing environment to the users of their CFS that offers nondiscriminatory access and ability to logon remotely to the Provider's CFS through an eAuthentication method recognized by AMS. Before accepting an EWR into their CFS as issued, the Provider will, at a minimum, authenticate the warehouse receipt signer as the person authorized by the warehouse operator to issue the EWR.

II. Receipt Record Data Requirements

AMS, in administration of the USWA, the regulations found at 7 CFR Part 735, the Provider Agreement to Electronically File and Maintain 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 and non-USWA licensed warehouse operator issuing EWRs in the CFS. The Provider shall ensure that all of these fields are completed by all warehouse operators. The Provider shall advise warehouse operators that it is the warehouse operator's responsibility to supply the necessary data to complete each element.

License number, if applicable*

Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) Warehouse Code

Receipt number

License type, (The legal entity under whose authority the warehouse receipt is issued), US if federally licensed, the two letter Postal abbreviation if State licensed, or NL if not licensed will without exception be displayed in front of the receipt number and shown as an integral part of the receipt number

Issuance date (date that the EWR is first recorded in the Provider's system)

Suspension date (date that the warehouse operator, at the depositor's request for a paper warehouse receipt, provisionally suspends that EWR, issues a interim paper warehouse receipt and enters its registration number in the Provider's system)

Conversion date (date that a warehouse operator has possession of and cancels the interim paper warehouse receipt and reinstates that suspended EWR in the Provider's system)

Cancellation date (date that the EWR is terminally recorded in the Provider's system)

Receipt use indicator (Customary, CCC loanable or Chicago Board of Trade [CBOT] Registrar)

Receipt status

Indicate whether the receipt is "Negotiable" or "Not Negotiable" according to the nature of the receipt

Name of warehouse operator

Name of warehouse

Location of delivery warehouse (City), (County) and (State)

Received from (Depositor/Producer and when applicable, Grower number)

Farm identifier, when applicable (Farm Number), (County) and (State)

Current Holder

Previous Holder

Type of bulk storage (Commingled, or Identity Preserved)

Bin or container number (when Identity Preserved)

Interim paper warehouse receipt number (referenced when applicable)

Received by Truck, Rail or Barge

Prepaid "IN" elevation charges per hundredweight

Prepaid "OUT" elevation charges per hundredweight

Total amount prepaid for "IN" and "OUT" warehouse elevation charges
Amount per hundredweight of storage charges from receipt's issuance date
Date to which storage has been prepaid through
CCC in-charges paid Yes No
Storage start date
Kind of Commodity (Rice)
Non-Aromatic Rice Yes No
Grade, Class, Subclass or Special Grade (U.S. Number)
Milling Yield (number of whole kernels)
Milling Yield (Percentage of total whole and broken kernels)
Variety of Rice (when applicable, name of specific variety or specialty such as Organic)
USDA designation (California Warehouses)
Crop Year
Moisture (Percentage)
Degradation factor (Percentage)
Meets CBOT Specifications (Yes/No) (required for CBOT registration)
Vomitoxin Parts per Million (required for CCC and CBOT registration)
Alflatoxin Parts per Billion (required for CCC and CBOT registration)
Gross pounds of Rice (including foreign material)
Pounds of foreign material
Foreign Material percentage
Net pounds of Rice (less foreign material)
Net hundredweights Rice
Grade statement
Indicate: "Not graded on request of the depositor," or "Grade determined by Federal Grain Inspection Service grader," or "Grade determined by USWA licensed grader," or "Grade determined by State of _____ licensed grader," or "Unofficial grades by warehouse operator."
Inspection certificate number (when applicable)
Authorized warehouse receipt signature
Terms and conditions (Refer to Section V for USWA license warehouse operators and Section VI for State licensed warehouse operators, Section VII for non-licensed warehouse operators for terms and conditions that apply to each EWR that must be furnished by the warehouse operator issuing the EWRs).

*Enter Federal or State warehouse license number, if not licensed, zero fill field

B. Additional Information

The Provider shall, at a minimum, make the element listed below available to every USWA, Non-USWA, and State licensed warehouse operator issuing EWRs in their CFS. The Provider shall advise warehouse operators that it is the warehouse operator's responsibility to supply the necessary data to complete this element. This Addendum does not restrict the number of additional fields that may be made available to State licensing authorities or warehouse operators.

CCC Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement Yes No

Other non-grade quality factors as may be applicable for a producer to obtain a CCC marketing assistance loan

C. Required elements that can be modified without the warehouse operator being the holder

AMS will allow the warehouse operator to modify the elements, “date to which storage has been paid”, “storage start date”, or “prepaid in or out charges” without being the holder of the EWR. The Provider shall notify the current holder of the EWR of any changes.

D. Suspending an EWR to issue an Interim Paper Warehouse Receipt

When suspending an EWR to issue an interim paper warehouse receipt, the Provider shall advise the warehouse operator to first suspend the EWR, enter the interim paper warehouse receipt number into the applicable EWR data field, and print on the face of the interim paper warehouse receipt the suspended EWR number.

E. Converting a Paper Warehouse Receipt to an EWR

When converting an outstanding paper warehouse receipt to an EWR, the Provider shall advise the warehouse operator to first take possession of and cancel the paper warehouse receipt, print the replacing EWR number on the face of the paper warehouse receipt, and enter the canceled paper warehouse receipt number into the applicable EWR data field.

F. Assignment of EWR Numbers

The Provider shall ensure that warehouse operators issue EWRs consecutively within the number range(s) assigned by AMS or the applicable licensing authority. AMS will assign EWR ranges for non-licensed warehouse operators.

G. Trailer Files and Non-Required EWR Data or Information

The Provider shall make available to the users of their CFS, as an outside attachment to an EWR’s secured data files, a trailer file that may contain non-required EWR data or information for associated business processes.

III. Security of Data

- A. The Provider shall, at a minimum, use data encryption and security methods recognized and approved by AMS.
- B. The Provider shall, at a minimum, adhere to all aspects of Federal and State public disclosure and privacy laws and regulations.

IV. Transmission of Data

The Provider shall, at a minimum, make available free of charge to AMS and State operated rice warehouse regulatory programs an internet site and/or a computer utility program that will download warehouse examination data, as authorized by USDA, from the Provider's CFS.

V. Terms and Conditions for USWA Licensed Warehouse Operators

The following information must be recorded on all EWRs or within the warehouse operator's EWR profile. AMS will be responsible for maintaining and updating this information.

The statements:

The Warehouse Operator's business organization type (i.e. sole proprietor, incorporated, partnership, LLC, etc.) and the name of the State whose laws govern that organization (i.e. "a Texas corporation").

Insured, to what extent, by the warehouse operator against loss by fire, lightning and other risks.

The maximum amount of bond or financial assurance underwriting the warehouse receipt.

Weight was determined by a weigher licensed under the USWA.

Grade was determined by a "Federal Grain Inspection Service grader", a "Grader Licensed under the USWA", or "Not Graded on Request of Depositor."

The grade, class, subclass or other special grade stated in this receipt is in accordance with the Official Rice Grading Standards of the United States. If the grade of rice is that for which no official rice standards of the United States are in effect, the grade or other class shall be stated in accordance with the standards, if any, adopted by the local board of trade, chamber of commerce, or by the rice trade generally in the locality in which the warehouse is located, subject to the authorization of the AMS, or in the absence of these standards, in accordance with any standards authorized for the purpose by the AMS.

The grade stated in a warehouse receipt is the weighted average of the grades on the applicable inspection certificate(s) or, if an appeal has been taken, the grade will be stated on such receipt in accordance with the grade as finally determined in such appeal.

The applicable charges claimed by the warehouse operator for storage and other services:

Handling and other accrued charges are according to the warehouse operator's effective public tariff. The warehouse operator will furnish depositors and warehouse receipt holders the full amount of charges upon request.

In the event the relationship existing between the warehouse operator and any depositor is not that of strictly disinterested custodianship, a statement setting forth the actual relationship.

VI. Terms and Conditions for State Warehouse Operators

The following information must be recorded on all EWRs or within the warehouse operator’s EWR profile.

Each warehouse operator shall have a posted EWR profile. (Each applicable licensing authority will be responsible, as required under their applicable State laws regarding warehouse receipts and public disclosure, for maintaining and updating this information regarding their licensed warehouse operators.)

The statements:

The Warehouse Operator’s business organization type (i.e. sole proprietor, incorporated, partnership, LLC, etc.) and the name of the State whose laws govern that organization (i.e. “a Texas corporation”).

Insured, to what extent, by the warehouse operator against loss by fire, lightning and other risks.

The authority, that the warehouse operator issues warehouse receipts under, State warehouse code for State licensed warehouses or Uniform Commercial Code.

The maximum amount of bond or financial assurance underwriting the warehouse receipt.

Weight was determined by a State of _____ Licensed Weigher,” or “Unofficial Weight by Warehouse Operator” or “Not Weighed on Request of Depositor”.

Grade was determined by a “Grader licensed under the State of _____ “, or “Federal Grain Inspection Service Grader”, or “Unofficially Graded by Warehouse Operator” or “Not Graded on Request of Depositor.”

The grade, class, subclass or other special grade stated in this receipt is in accordance with the Official Rice Grading Standards of the United States. If the grade of rice is that for which no official rice standards of the United States are in effect, the grade or other class shall be stated in accordance with the standards, if any, adopted by the local board of trade, chamber of commerce, or by the rice trade generally in the locality in which the warehouse is located, subject to the authorization of the AMS, or in the absence of these standards, in accordance with any standards authorized for the purpose by the AMS.

The applicable charges claimed by the warehouse operator for storage and other services:

Handling and other accrued charges are according to the warehouse operator’s effective public tariff. The warehouse operator will furnish depositors and warehouse receipt holders the full amount of charges upon request.

In the event the relationship existing between the warehouse operator and any depositor is not that of strictly disinterested custodianship, a statement setting forth the actual relationship.

VII. Terms and Conditions for Non-Licensed Warehouse Operators

The following information must be recorded on all EWRs or within the warehouse operator’s EWR profile. AMS will be responsible for maintaining and updating this information regarding their EWR profile.)

Each warehouse operator shall have a posted EWR profile. (Each applicable Non-Licensed warehouse operator will be responsible for providing AMS with timely and current information regarding the statements below.

The statements:

The Warehouse Operator’s business organization type (i.e. sole proprietor, incorporated, partnership, LLC, etc.) and the name of the State whose laws govern that organization (i.e. “a Texas corporation”).

Insured, to what extent, by the warehouse operator against loss by fire, lightning and other risks. (Each applicable Non-Licensed warehouse operator will be responsible for providing AMS with timely and current insurance information. AMS will be responsible for maintaining and updating this information.)

The authority that the warehouse operator issues warehouse receipts under, State statute or Uniform Commercial Code.

The maximum amount of bond or financial assurance underwriting the warehouse receipt. (Each applicable Non-Licensed warehouse operator will be responsible for providing AMS with timely and current bond or financial assurance information. AMS will be responsible for maintaining and updating this information.)

Weight was determined by a State of _____ Licensed Weigher,” or “Unofficial Weight by Warehouse Operator” or “Not Weighed on Request of Depositor”.

Grade was determined by a “Grader licensed under the State of _____ “, or “Federal Grain Inspection Service Grader”, or “Unofficially Graded by Warehouse Operator” or “Not Graded on Request of Depositor.”

The grade, class, subclass or other special grade stated in this receipt is in accordance with the Official Rice Grading Standards of the United States. If the grade of rice is that for which no official rice standards of the United States are in effect, the grade or other class shall be stated in accordance with the standards, if any, adopted by the local board of trade, chamber of commerce, or by the rice trade generally in the locality in which the warehouse is located, subject to the authorization of the AMS, or in the absence of these standards, in accordance with any standards authorized for the purpose by the AMS.

The applicable charges claimed by the warehouse operator for storage and other services:

Handling and other accrued charges are according to the warehouse operator’s effective public tariff. The warehouse operator will furnish depositors and warehouse receipt holders the full amount of charges upon request.

In the event the relationship existing between the warehouse operator and any depositor is not that of strictly disinterested custodianship, a statement setting forth the actual relationship.

VIII. Contact:

Chief, License and Storage Contract Branch
Warehouse and Commodity Management Division
P.O. Box 419205 – Stop 9148
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205
Phone: 816-926-6474
Fax: 844-930-0174

(a) Name of Provider

(b) Signature of Provider

(c) Title of Provider

(d) Date

(e) Signature of Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service

(f) Date

NOTE : *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 735, the United States Warehouse Act (Pub. L. 106-472), and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.). The information will be used to establish and maintain a database and central filing system for electronically filing rice warehouse receipts and electronic documents issued under the United States Warehouse Act. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated) and USDA/FSA-3, Consultants File. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to obtain new licensing or retain existing licensing under the United States Warehouse Act.*

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