

surrender the receipt, if negotiable, with such endorsements as would be necessary for the negotiation of the receipt, and (c) a readiness and willingness to sign, when the products are delivered, an acknowledgment that they have been delivered, if such signature is requested by the warehouseman.

21. A warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall plainly cancel upon the face thereof each receipt returned to him upon the delivery by him of the agricultural products for which the receipt was issued.

22. Every warehouseman conducting a warehouse licensed under this Act shall keep in a place of safety complete and correct records of all agricultural products stored therein and withdrawn therefrom, of all warehouse receipts issued by him, and of the receipts returned to and cancelled by him : shall make reports to the Minister of Agriculture concerning such warehouse, and the condition, contents, operation, and business thereof, in such form and at such times as he may require ; and shall conduct said warehouse in all other respects in compliance with this Act and the rules and regulations made hereunder.

23. The Minister of Agriculture is authorized to cause examinations to be made of any agricultural product stored in any warehouse licensed under this Act. Whenever, after opportunity for hearing is given to the warehouseman conducting such warehouse, it is determined that he is not performing fully the duties imposed on him by this Act and the rules and regulations made hereunder, the Minister may publish his findings.

24. The Minister of Agriculture may, after opportunity for hearing has been afforded to the licensee concerned, suspend or revoke any license issued to any warehouseman conducting a warehouse under this Act, for any violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this Act or of the rules and regulations made hereunder, or upon the ground that unreasonable or exorbitant charges have been made for services rendered. Pending investigation, the Minister of Agriculture, whenever he deems necessary, may suspend a license temporarily without hearing.

25. The Minister of Agriculture from time to time may publish the results of any investigations made under section three of this Act : and he shall publish the names and locations of warehouses licensed and bonded, and the names and addresses of persons licensed under this Act, and lists of all licenses terminated under this Act and the causes therefor.

26. The Minister of Agriculture is authorized, through officials, employees, or agents of the Department of Agriculture designated by him, to examine all books, records, papers, and accounts of warehouses licensed under this Act, and of the warehousemen conducting such warehouses relating thereto.

27. The Minister of Agriculture shall from time to time make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the efficient execution of the provisions of this Act.

28. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the operation of any statute of New Zealand relating to warehouses or warehousemen, weighers, graders, inspectors, samplers, or classifiers now in force in the Dominion of New Zealand.

29. Every person who shall forge, alter, counterfeit, simulate, or falsely represent, or shall without proper authority use, any license issued by the Minister of Agriculture under this Act, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of section eight of this Act, or who shall issue or utter a false or fraudulent receipt or certificate, or any person who, without lawful authority, shall convert to his own use, or use for purposes of securing a loan, or remove from a licensed warehouse contrary to this Act or the regulations promulgated hereunder, any agricultural products stored or to be stored in such warehouse and for which licensed receipts have been or are to be issued, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five pounds, or double the value of the products involved if such double value exceeds five pounds, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court : and the owner of the agricultural products so converted, used, or removed may, in the discretion of the Minister of Agriculture, be reimbursed for the value thereof out of any fine collected hereunder, for the value of such products to the extent that such owner has not otherwise been reimbursed. Any person who shall draw with intent to deceive a false sample of, or who shall wilfully mutilate or falsely represent a sample drawn under this Act, or who shall classify, grade, or weigh fraudulently any agricultural products stored or to be stored under the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and upon conviction thereof fined not more than one hundred pounds, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

30. There is hereby appropriated the sum of one thousand pounds, available until expended, for the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, including the payment of such rent and the employment of such persons as necessary, and also for temporary assistance in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and out of the moneys appropriated by this Act to pay the salaries and expenses thereof.

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