

April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year, and an annual report on tobacco statistics shall be issued: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall not be required to collect statistics of leaf tobacco from any manufacturer of tobacco who, in the first three quarters of the preceding calendar year, according to the returns of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the record of the Treasurer of Puerto Rico, manufactured less than thirty-five thousand pounds of tobacco, or from any manufacturer of cigars who, during the first three quarters of the preceding calendar year, manufactured less than one hundred and eighty-five thousand cigars, or from any manufacturer of cigarettes who, during the first three quarters of the preceding year, manufactured less than seven hundred and fifty thousand cigarettes: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture may omit the collection of statistics from any dealer, manufacturer, growers' cooperative association, warehouseman, broker, holder, or owner who does not own and/or have in stock, in the aggregate, fifty thousand pounds or more of leaf tobacco on the date as of which the reports are made. For the purposes of this chapter, any tobacco which has deteriorated on account of age or other causes to the extent that it is not merchantable or is unsuitable for use in manufacturing tobacco products shall be classified with other nondescript tobacco and reported in the "N" group of the type to which it belongs.

(Jan. 14, 1929, ch. 69, §1, 45 Stat. 1079; July 14, 1932, ch. 480, §1, 47 Stat. 662; Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 749, §1, 49 Stat. 893.)

AMENDMENTS

1935—Act Aug. 27, 1935, inserted "and Puerto Rico" after "United States", substituted "seven hundred and fifty thousand cigarettes" for "one million cigarettes" before second proviso and inserted second proviso.

1932—Act July 14, 1932, substituted "thirty-five" for "fifty" and "one hundred and eighty-five thousand cigars" and "one million" for "seven hundred and fifty thousand cigarettes".

CHANGE OF NAME

"Porto Rico" changed to "Puerto Rico" by act May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158.

SEPARABILITY

Act Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 749, §4, 49 Stat. 894, provided that: "If any provision of this Act [amending this section and sections 502 and 505 of this title], or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby."

§ 502. Standards for classification; returns and blanks

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish standards for the classification of leaf tobacco, and he is authorized to demonstrate such standards, to prepare and distribute samples thereof, and to make reasonable charges therefor. He shall specify the types, groups of grades, qualities, colors, and/or grades, which shall be included in the returns required by this chapter. The Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare appropriate blanks upon which the returns shall be

made, shall, upon request, furnish copies to persons who are required by this chapter to make returns, and such returns shall show the types, groups of grades, qualities, colors, and/or grades and such other information as the Secretary may require.

(Jan. 14, 1929, ch. 69, §2, 45 Stat. 1079; Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 749, §2, 49 Stat. 894.)

AMENDMENTS

1935—Act Aug. 27, 1935, inserted "and such returns shall show the types, groups of grades, qualities, colors, and/or grades and such other information as the Secretary may require" in last sentence.

§ 503. Reports; necessity; by whom made; penalties

It shall be the duty of every dealer, manufacturer, quasi-manufacturer, growers' cooperative association, warehouseman, broker, holder, or owner, other than the original grower, except such persons as are excluded by the proviso to section 501 of this title, to furnish within fifteen days after January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year, completely and correctly, to the best of his knowledge, a report of the quantity of leaf tobacco on hand, segregated in accordance with the blanks furnished by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any person, firm, association, or corporation required by this chapter to furnish a report, and any officer, agent, or employee thereof who shall refuse or willfully neglect to furnish any of the information required by this chapter, or shall willfully give answers that are false or misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Jan. 14, 1929, ch. 69, §3, 45 Stat. 1080; July 14, 1932, ch. 480, §2, 47 Stat. 663.)

AMENDMENTS

1932—Act July 14, 1932, made quasi-manufacturers subject to section.

§ 504. "Person" defined

The word "person" as used in this chapter shall be held to embrace also any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

(Jan. 14, 1929, ch. 69, §4, 45 Stat. 1080.)

§ 505. Access to internal-revenue records

The Secretary of Agriculture shall have access to the tobacco records of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and of the several collectors of internal revenue for the purpose of obtaining lists of the persons subject to this chapter and for the purpose of aiding the collection of the information herein required, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the several collectors of internal revenue shall cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture in effectuating the provisions of this chapter.

(Jan. 14, 1929, ch. 69, §5, 45 Stat. 1080; Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 749, §3, 49 Stat. 894.)

AMENDMENTS

1935—Act Aug. 27, 1935, reenacted section without change.