

2-2507. Inspection fee; stamps; quarterly payment; reports and records; disposition of moneys received; egg fee fund. (a) For the purpose of financing the administration and enforcement of this act, there is hereby levied an inspection fee on all graded eggs sold, offered or exposed for sale or distributed to food purveyors or retailers at the rate of 3.5 mills for each dozen eggs. Such fee shall be paid by the last handler. The inspection fee shall be paid only once on the same quantity of eggs so long as such eggs remain in the eggs' original container.

(b) The secretary shall provide inspection fee stamps for sale to persons requesting such stamps. The price of such inspection fee stamps shall include the printing and mailing costs thereof. Such inspection fee stamps shall also serve as a label indicating size and quality in boldface type letters not less than 3/8 inch in height.

(c) Persons desiring to report and pay the inspection fee quarterly, in lieu of using such inspection fee stamps, may make application to the secretary for a permit to pay the inspection fee quarterly, except that in no event shall the inspection fee for any quarter be less than \$15. The secretary may grant the permit if the applicant agrees to keep such records and make such report as may be necessary to indicate accurately the quantity of eggs sold on which the inspection fee is due, and if the applicant agrees to grant the secretary permission to verify the statement of quantity of eggs sold. The report shall be filed in the office of the secretary, and shall be due and payable on the first day of October, January, April and July for the previous three months. If the report is not filed and the inspection fee is not paid within 30 days after the due date, or if the report of quantity is false, the secretary may revoke the permit. In addition to the inspection fee there may be assessed against the permit holder a penalty of \$5 per day for each day the inspection fee remains unpaid after the 30-day period has expired. Such records of quantity sold shall be held for a period of three years.

(d) If the department finds that the fees specified in this section are providing more funds than necessary for the administration of this act, the department may reduce the above-mentioned fee pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. The secretary may increase such fee when necessary, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed the rate specified in subsection (a). The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary under article 25 of chapter 2 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provision of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the egg fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or by a person or persons designated by the secretary.

History: L. 1955, ch. 9, § 7; L. 1971, ch. 7, § 2; L. 1973, ch. 2, § 10; L. 1979, ch. 10, § 1; L. 2000, ch. 57, § 7; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 19; L. 2006, ch. 90, § 5; July 1.