

22. Whenever any dispute shall arise concerning the correctness of any sample furnished by the inspector of tobacco under the seal of the State said controversy shall be referred to a committee of arbitration consisting of three persons to be selected as follows: one thereof shall be selected by the inspector with the approval of said Board, one thereof shall be selected by the claimant or claimants or his or their agents, and the two thus selected shall select the remaining member of said committee; provided, however, that no person shall be so selected, or if selected shall be competent to serve as a member of any committee of arbitration who shall have a direct or indirect interest in the tobacco in controversy.

23. The said committee of arbitration when duly constituted and appointed shall fully examine and investigate all the facts concerning the subject in controversy before them, and to that end they shall have power to send for persons and papers, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to administer oaths, and to examine witnesses on oath; they shall determine all questions which may be submitted to them by a majority vote, and shall assess whatever damages, if any, they may adjudge due by reason of any false or erroneous inspection, and from their finding or award there shall be no appeal; all damages shall be assessed upon the basis of the market value of the particular grade of tobacco on the date of the reclamation; and no claims on tobacco shipped to any point in the United States shall be considered or allowed after the expiration of six months from the date of its inspection, nor after the expiration of nine months from the date of its inspection, if shipped to any foreign country; nor shall any claim be allowed upon tobacco which shall have changed by fermentation.

24. The inspector shall pay the amount of any award made in writing and under seal by any committee of arbitration duly constituted, as heretofore provided, to the party or parties thereto entitled, within thirty days after the date thereof, and shall take the receipt of the claimant or his agent for the same, which said receipt together with said award signed and sealed by said committee of arbitration, or a majority of them, shall be returned by the inspector to the Comptroller of the Treasury in the inspector's next ensuing report thereafter and shall be a voucher for money expended.

25. If any inspector upon examination of any hogshead of tobacco has reason to suspect that the same is trash or false packed, he shall cause the same to be shaken out and repacked,