

sales floor at public auction during the current marketing season, provided the market is open at the time.

(e). It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of a licensed tobacco commission sales agency to purchase any tobacco on any licensed tobacco sale floor for and upon his own account. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any officer or employee of any agency who has been previously designated and who is directly in charge of sales from purchasing any tobacco for and upon the account of said licensed tobacco commission sales agency.

(f). It shall be unlawful for any producer or owner of tobacco to sell or offer for sale any tobacco which said owner has deliberately "nested" or cause to be "nested". For the purposes of this sub-title, "nested" tobacco is any lot of tobacco which has been loaded, packed or arranged so as to conceal any foreign matter or tobacco of inferior grade, quality or condition, including any lots of tobacco which contain damaged, tangled or other inferior tobacco which cannot be readily detected upon inspection by virtue of the manner in which said lot was packed or arranged. Any tobacco commission sales agency which discovers or learns of any nested tobacco in any lots consigned to such agency shall forthwith report the facts to the State Tobacco Authority. The Authority shall then take such legal action as the nature of the case may require.

59-I. (Studies and Investigations.) (a) The Authority may in its discretion make studies and investigations covering any phase of the production and marketing of tobacco in Maryland, and collaborate with other groups or agencies, including but not limited to, the University of Maryland and the State Board of Agriculture. It may provide information to tobacco growers and to the general public as to the relation between prices received by the producers of tobacco and the general commodity price level. It may conduct surveys among tobacco growers to determine their needs for better and more efficient production, handling, and marketing of tobacco. It may act to promote the more extensive use of tobacco grown in Maryland in both domestic and foreign markets.

(b). The Authority may by subpoena require the presence of any person necessary to a full consideration of any proposed study or investigation. In case of refusal on the part of any person to comply with a subpoena issued on behalf of the Authority, it shall be the duty of the Circuit Court of any County, or of any judges of the Supreme Bench of