- B. A bond payable to this State and duly executed by the company and a corporate surety qualified to do business therein, which is conditioned upon the performance by the company of its obligation to redeem trading stamps issued by retailers in this State, when they are duly presented for redemption by the rightful holders.
- (b) In the event the company defaults in performing such obligations, all rightful holders of such trading stamps of such company shall be entitled to make claim against such bond. Retailers in possession of trading stamps for issuance to their customers shall also be deemed rightful holders entitled to make such claim.
- (c) In the event the company defaults in the performance of its obligation to redeem trading stamps, any rightful holder may file within three months after such default a complaint with the Secretary of State. Upon the filing of any such complaint the Secretary of State shall forthwith make a determination whether there has been a default. If the Secretary of State shall determine that there has been such a default he shall give notice of such determination to the company and if such default is not corrected within 10 days shall publish notice of such default in three consecutive publications of one or more newspapers having general circulation throughout this State and therein require that proof of all claims for redemption of the trading stamps of the company shall be filed with him, together with the trading stamps upon which the claim is based, within three months after the date of the first such publication. The Secretary of State promptly after the expiration of such period shall determine the validity of all claims so filed. Thereupon the Secretary of State shall be paid by the surety such amount as shall be necessary to satisfy all valid claims so filed, together with reasonable administrative costs incident to the determination and payment of such claims, not exceeding, in the aggregate, however, the principal sum of the bond. The Secretary of State shall promptly thereafter make an equitable distribution of the proceeds of the bond, less such reasonable administrative costs, to such claimants and shall destroy the trading stamps so surrendered.
- (d) The principal sum of the bond shall be as follows: Where the company has not previously done business as a trading stamp company in this State, or if the company's gross income from such business in this State during its last fiscal year was not in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, twenty-five thousand dollars; if such gross income exceeded two hundred and fifty thousand dollars but was not in excess of five hundred thousand dollars, fifty thousand dollars; if such gross income exceeded five hundred thousand dollars but was not in excess of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, seventy-five thousand dollars; and if such gross income exceeded seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, one hundred thousand dollars.
- (e) On the effective date of each such new bond any and all liability on all bonds previously filed hereunder shall terminate, and all rightful holders of trading stamps who shall prosecute their claims hereunder shall prosecute such claims solely against the new bond and only by filing proofs of claim with the Secretary of State in the manner hereinbefore provided.
- (f) The statement of registration and the bond shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before July 1, 1959, and annually there-