

Article - Agriculture
Section 7-207
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(a) The Authority shall:

(1) Prescribe the conditions under which baskets of leaf tobacco may be arranged and displayed on the sales floor of any leaf warehouse;

(2) Prescribe the terms and conditions under which baskets of leaf tobacco may be withdrawn from the sales floor of any private warehouse;

(3) Determine the data or information that may be placed on the tickets of baskets of leaf tobacco on the sales floor of any private warehouse;

(4) Make inspections from time to time or upon request of any interested party in order to determine the accuracy of any weights or measures used by any commission selling agency; and

(5) Regulate or prohibit the intentional tearing up of baskets on the warehouse floor by the buyer.

(b) The Authority shall determine and allocate annually among commission selling agencies a daily sales quota and selling time, to limit the poundage of tobacco sold during a market season to prevent disorderly market conditions.

(1) The Authority shall use the market performance basis, if applicable, to all licensed commission selling agencies. Under this basis the Authority shall calculate the daily sales quota for each agency by taking the average daily net sales in pounds of tobacco sold by that agency over the past four market seasons, multiplied by a factor of one-third as to market performance during the market season last past and multiplied by a factor of two-thirds as to the average market performance over the three preceding market seasons.

(2) The Authority shall provide for the selling time and the daily sales quota for a new commission selling agency in a manner which is fair and equitable.