

4-311.5.

(a) (1) There is an "Egg Law Fund".

(2) All fees collected under the provisions of this subtitle shall be credited to the Fund.

(b) The Fund shall be used to partially defray the expenses of administering this subtitle.

4-311.6.

(a) A packer or distributor who is required to pay a fee under this subtitle shall submit to the Secretary:

(1) A quarterly report showing the number of dozens of shell eggs sold or delivered in Maryland to any retailer, food service facility, or consumer; and

(2) At the time that the quarterly report is due, an inspection fee at a rate of 8 cents for each 30-dozen case of shell eggs sold or delivered in Maryland.

(b) (1) If the report is not filed and the required inspection fee is not paid within 30 days after the end of the quarterly period, a collection fee shall be assessed against the packer or distributor.

(2) The amount of the collection fee shall be the greater of:

(i) 10 percent of the inspection fee due and unpaid; or

(ii) \$100.

(3) The amount of collection fee due is a debt and may be the basis of a judgment in a civil action against the packer or distributor.

4-311.7.

A packer or distributor shall:

(1) Keep accurate records showing the number of eggs sold or delivered to any person;

(2) Keep required records at each place of business or at a central location within the State;

(3) Keep required records for 1 year; and

(4) Make required egg records available to the Secretary upon request.

4-311.8.

(A) INSTEAD OF, OR IN ADDITION TO, ISSUING A STOP SALE ORDER OR REVOCATION OF A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.

(B) A PENALTY COLLECTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND.