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RULES FOR RELIEF OR CHARITY HANDLING OF ONIONS WHICH FAIL TO MEET THE SOUTH TEXAS ONION RULES AND REGULATIONS 2026 SEASON

The South Texas Onion Committee administers Federal Marketing Order No. 959 (7CFR Part 900) which regulates the handling of onions grown in South Texas. The following rules have been established to safeguard that shipments of onions, which fail to meet the South Texas Onion rules and regulations, will be handled and used for relief or charity only.

Each receiver of onions, which fail to meet the requirements for relief or charity shall:

- (1) Certify to the South Texas Onion Committee and to the Secretary of Agriculture that onions received from the production area for relief or for charity will be used for such purpose and not placed in fresh market channels. And further, onions will be shipped directly from the handler to the relief or charity organization and not to any intermediate party.
- (2) If onions are in 50 pound closed containers, certify the number of containers on the Special Purpose Onions Shipment Report which accompanies each load and return the report to the South Texas Onion Committee office. **If onions are not in 50 pound closed containers, weigh the onions upon receipt and report the actual weight on the Special Purpose Onion Shipment Report which must accompany each load. The signed, completed report shall be returned promptly to the South Texas Onion Committee with a copy of the appropriate scale ticket.**