

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION**

**REGULATION NO. 144. CLAIMS AGAINST LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS**

(By authority of Act No. 284 of the Public Acts of 1937, as amended, being S287.121 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

**R 285.144.1 Procedure for determining claims against livestock auctions.**

Rule 1. (1) A notice, setting forth the date, time, and place of a proposed hearing will be:

(a) Mailed to each known claimant.

(b) Published in a newspaper serving the area where the affected livestock auction is located once each week for 2 consecutive weeks.

(c) Posted at 6 prominent places on the premises of the affected livestock auction.

(2) During the course of the hearing, each claimant shall submit to the director of agriculture his claim in writing on a form as approved by the director and such other proof as may be required of him for the purpose of substantiating said claim against the livestock auction.

(3) In lieu of submitting such claim at the hearing, the claimants may submit their proof of claim by mail, provided said proof of claim shall be postmarked at least 3 days prior to the date set for the hearing.

(4) All claims and other proof as submitted will be reviewed by the director of agriculture and he shall rule upon the validity of each claim; provided, however, he may request additional information of the claimant. Thereafter, the director of agriculture will determine the exact amount to be paid to each claimant.

(5) No new or additional claims will be accepted after the close of the hearing.

(6) After determination of the amount due each claimant, said claimant will be notified, and thereafter the director of agriculture will determine the method or methods by which moneys determined to be due will be distributed to each claimant, and will thereupon proceed to make such distribution.

History: 1979 AC.