

REPORT OF THE REFEREE BOARD

On account of illness, the Chairman was delayed in the certification of referee chemists for the past season. The arrangement of having all applications sent to the secretary of the Society to be certified as to the standing of the applicants (both in the American Oil Chemists Society and also in the Interstate) was a great improvement from former procedure. The arrangement made is that the secretary of the Society will, hereafter, prepare all the certificates so that all that will be necessary for sending them out will be to obtain the signatures of the president of the Society and chairman of the Referee Board.

Experience in the certification of referee chemists in the past and especially during 1925, would indicate that certain changes ought to be made in our rules, and I submit for the action of the Society the following recommendations, some of which simply embody our present practice.

These recommendations are the joint effort of various members of the Committee, who are practically unanimous on most of the points brought up. They are presented to the Society for action and approval.

1. The object of certifying Referee Chemists by the American Oil Chemists Society is to assure the Members of the Interstate Crushers Association of the integrity, ability and professional standing of the Chemists so certified to perform accurately the analytical work necessary for transactions in commodities dealt in under the rules of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association.

2. Certification will be granted to laboratories only, which are provided with the equipment called for by the official methods of the American Oil Chemists Society, unless in the opinion of the Referee Board the interests of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association will be served thereby.

3. The responsible heads and managing chemists of all laboratories doing referee work, must subscribe to the code of ethics of the Society and must be Members in good standing of the American Oil Chemists Society and the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association, for the year for which they are certified by full payment of annual dues in advance.

4. Laboratories to be certified must be operated under the direct supervision of experienced chemists, who shall have received College or University training or its equivalent, and are proficient in making analyses of all products dealt in under the rules of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association.

5. Laboratories doing referee work on meal must participate in the cooperative work of the Smalley Foundation, and obtain results within such limits as may be prescribed by the Referee Examining Board.

6. Companies, firms or individuals operating more than one lab-

oratory must have each laboratory certified separately, in accordance with the above rules, except that such companies, firms or individuals will not take out more than one membership in the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association.

7. The fees for certification shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per annum for each laboratory certified.

8. There shall be no restriction on certified laboratories doing consulting, control, or contract, work for buyers, sellers, or brokers, but in cases of dispute between buyer and seller, the report of a laboratory having any relations with buyer or seller shall have only the same standing as that of a salaried chemist employed regularly by such company, unless by the consent of all parties involved.

9. The Referee Examining Board shall pass on the qualifications of firms, companies or individuals operating analytical laboratories, which must have no connection whatever with buyers or sellers of products for which they are certified, except as provided in paragraph 8.

10. All decisions of the referee board shall be final.

DAVID WESSON, Chairman,
May, 1926.