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Dear Cotton Merchants,

The 2017 South Texas cotton season is one for the ages. From record cotton production mixed in with a hurricane named Harvey, one can only believe that after all the challenges of the season, we will eventually refer to 2017 as the year that tested our industry.

Gulf Compress is approaching full capacity and our space concerns are compounded by transportation issues that led to sizable late loads at all our facilities. We understand the transportation challenges and we would like to express thanks to all the merchants that assisted in resolving trucking issues.

Gulf Compress will open a warehouse in Raymondville, Texas to move some of the overflow bales from the Coastal Bend and the Upper Coast. The warehouse will be located at the current warehouse location, 14256 Rains County Road and will have a warehouse code of 916712.

Cotton produced in the Coastal Bend and the Upper Coast is part of the East Texas Maintenance Area and Gulf is required by law to collect the boll weevil fee per bale. Gulf Compress has also issued a tariff for warehouse code 916712; which is the same as the tariffs for the warehouse in Corpus Christi, Texas in order to correctly receive the cotton. As you will recall, the tariff for the valley is different and the cotton produced in the valley is not part of the East Texas Maintenance Area. This is the reason for the new warehouse code and tariff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Swize". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "S".

Robert Swize
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TARIFF OF
GULF COMPRESS

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017



This cancels all previous tariffs and is subject to change without notice. However, efforts will be made to furnish interested parties with new tariff or advice of changes as quickly as possible.

MAIN OFFICE

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Raymondville Location (956) 689-2728 Office (956) 689-6420 Fax

Plant 7 14256 Rains County Road (North Plant)

CCC Code 916712

Marine Insurance Classification "IWR"

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Item	Rate Per Bale
1. RECEIVING , includes weighing on arrival, issuing warehouse receipt and placing in storage.....	6.50
Includes mandatory collection of Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Maintenance Fee of	3.00
Includes standard receiving charge of.....	3.50
2. STORAGE , each month or fractional part thereof	2.50
3. INSURANCE , per bale per month or fraction thereof calculated to date of shipment.....	15
4. DELIVERY:	
STANDARD DELIVERY , including picking out by tag number from storage, delivery to warehouse platform, six letter mark, and loading boxcars, trucks or containers.....	14.25
EXPEDITED ORDERS (when expedited service is available) additional charge of	6.00
5. EXTRA MARKING per line of not over six letters per line	75
6. SAMPLES:	
STANDARD SAMPLES , including removing cotton from & returning to storage, including customary handling and sacking of samples	5.00
Samples from one side only , (Not removing cotton from storage).....	2.50
Sample Sacks (each)	75
Keypunching sample orders not received by Electronic Media	25
7. SAMPLING , at time of shipping.....	5.00
8. EXTRA SET OF SAMPLES at time of any sampling.....	2.00
9. WEIGHING at time of shipment.....	1.50
10. WEIGHING , including removing cotton from and returning to storage	3.00
11. WEIGHING AND SAMPLING , including removing cotton from and returning to storage	6.00
12. TYPING , including reweighing and compression.....	50.00
13. APPLYING special tags or labels at random.....	25
14. APPLYING special tags in number sequence	50
15. CANCELLATION of order and / or returning to storage after break out includes W/A orders worked at our convenience	3.00
16. CONSOLIDATION includes unloading, checking and reloading to outbound conveyance.....	4.00
17. DRAYAGE to consolidate between our plants.....	1.50
18. SURCHARGE on orders containing 10 bales or less per order	10.00
19. SWAPPING of shipping order: per clearance.....	20.00
20. SPECIAL SERVICE not rated herein will be rendered and billed at rates agreed upon at the time of the order, including but not limited to rates for handling of cotton to be re-concentrated to other storage facilities. The shipment of CCC interest cotton without delivery of the original warehouse receipts, if allowed by the Secretary of Agriculture, will be subject to special service charges.	

RULES

STORAGE

Actual shipping dates are necessary for timely delivery. Complete orders consist of shipping instructions with related warehouse receipts or delivery of Early Shipping Order notification through EWR, Inc., and requested load dates. (For scheduling purposes, early shipping orders are considered the same as complete shipping orders.)

- A. Rail, truck and container storage stops upon receiving complete order or on shipper's requested date, assuming such date is a valid date accepted by the Cooperative. All shipments will be made as promptly as possible. Due to the physical nature of the process, a period of time determined by the number of bales on prior orders, weather conditions and available labor will be necessary for each shipment. Time required for delivery can be obtained by inquiry to the Cooperative office in determining valid request dates.
- B. Local dock deliveries storage stops date delivered to dock.
- C. During periods of heavy shipping, orders not picked up after 3 days of transportation notice will be assessed a "Late Pickup" charge of \$0.50 per bale, per day, until picked up; in addition to other charges. Notice of enforcement of late charges will be posted on GulfCompress.com
- D. Orders not picked up in 30 days of transportation notice will be returned to stock and tariff item #15 will apply.
- E. Receipts for Early Shipping Orders must be delivered through EWR, Inc., at least 3 business days prior to load date. If receipts are late, a \$3.00 per bale extra handling fee will be assessed and load date will be moved forward. Original load date will be used to calculate "Late Pickup" charges in item C above.

INSURANCE

Fire insurance only is carried by the Cooperative to cover the bale of cotton represented by each insured paper or electronic warehouse receipt issued. The insurance is for the market value of each bale at the time and place the loss occurs, and is written under the standard form of fire policy in use by cotton warehousemen in this state. Growers, shippers or other persons having cotton stored with the Cooperative, which is contracted for sale at prices higher than market value, as determined by the Cooperative's fire policy, have the responsibility to obtain additional insurance, if it is desired, to cover the difference between contracted value and market value. In the event cotton is destroyed by fire, owner will be billed for storage, which has accrued and for all other services which have been performed. All cotton is held subject to the owner's risk. This corporation is not liable or responsible for loss or damage which may result from acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, invasion, insurrection, riots, strikes, labor disturbances, acts of enemies of local, state or federal government, sprinkler leakage, or damage by flood or fluctuations in weights due to climatic conditions, concealed damages or causes beyond our control.

COMPRESSION

This Cooperative handles only gin U.D. cotton. Bales compressed by gins will be identified on warehouse receipts as "GIN UD". Universal density compression is performed by gins. No responsibility will be assumed for previous compressing by others, being defective.

SAMPLES

Orders for samples will be billed to person or firm ordering samples. Ample lead time must be given on all sample orders. Written sample orders must be legible, in Compress numerical order, with shipping instructions included, otherwise orders are subject to rejection. If samples are to be requested electronically, requestor should contact the Compress for appropriate format specifications. Sample orders not submitted by Electronic Media will be assessed a keypunch fee stated in Tariff Charges.

DELIVERY

No cotton will be delivered until shipping instructions and warehouse receipts are held by the warehouse, charges and liens have been paid and proper transportation has been provided at the warehouse. Complete instructions, including warehouse receipts or Early Shipping Order notification through EWR, Inc., and requested load date constitutes an order. Bales delivered will match receipts instead of tag lists if there are differences. Gulf Compress has adopted cotton shipping standards as recommended by the NCC Cotton Flow Committee. Gulf Compress assumes no responsibility for inspection of bales prior to delivery for any particular standard or quality.

CLAIMS

Claims of short shipment will not be considered unless submitted within 120 days of shipment from Compress. Claims for damage of any kind or type will not be considered unless the Compress is notified and given a chance to inspect the cotton prior to cleaning, reconditioning, or any other type of processing. Only after timely notice and inspection will Compress evaluate possible payment of a claim. Compress will not be responsible for damages caused by other entities.

LIENS

A warehouseman's lien is claimed by this Cooperative on the cotton for all charges applicable under this tariff.

PAYMENT

All charges for warehouse and special services are payable to the Cooperative at its Corpus Christi, Texas office when the cotton is ordered shipped. Adjustments for accrued charges must be made between the buyer and seller, and paid by the shipper of the cotton. The Cooperative reserves the right to require payment on April 30th of each year for all charges which have accrued on cotton in storage to that date. Accrued charges not paid at that time will be charged at the tariff rate in effect on the shipping date of the cotton. If credit is extended, all invoices must be paid in 10 days after the invoice date. If it is necessary to turn over any charges to an attorney for collection, collection costs, including reasonable attorney's fees expended by the Cooperative will be added to the bill. Payments not made promptly, may subject shipper to being put on a cash basis