

Apples: Grading and Quality.

RULES, DATED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931 (21 AND 22 GEO. 5, c. 8).

1938. No. 14.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section Fifteen of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules, that is to say :—

Short Title.

1. These Rules shall be known as the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938.

*Amendment of the Marketing of of Fruit Rules.
(Northern Ireland), 1933.*

2. The Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1933, shall be read and have effect as if the following were substituted for the Third Schedule thereto :—

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931.

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY.

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Grading.

For apples of the same variety and of a reasonably uniform shape. The diameter of any apple shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Quality.

Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square on any one apple.

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Grading.

For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Quality.

Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. Skin blemishes shall not exceed a total area of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square on any one apple.

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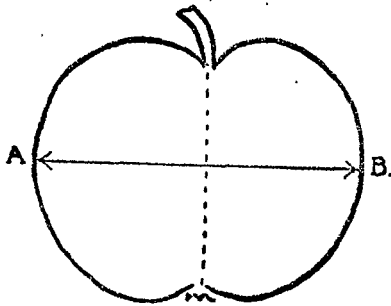
Grading.

For apples of the same variety and of a shape and colour normally found in that variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Quality.

Apples shall be free from such blemishes or mechanical injuries as are calculated to impair their keeping qualities. The skin to be free from blemishes other than those characteristic of the variety.

N.B.—The diameter as referred to above means the longest transverse dimension taken at right angles to a line running from the eye (blossom) to the stem as shown in the following illustration :—

*Tolerance to be allowed in above standards.*

In order to allow for variations incidental to grading and handling, a consignment of apples in containers marked as being of any of the above standards shall be deemed to comply with that standard both as regards grading and quality, if in each one of such of the containers as an authorised officer of the Ministry shall examine not more than 5 per cent. by count of the contents are found to be below the minimum size specified for that standard and not more than 5 per cent. by count of the contents are found to be below the quality requirements specified for that standard.

Commencement.

3. These Rules shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of February, 1938.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this fourteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-eight, in the presence of

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(Signed) J. TAYLOR,

Assistant Secretary.