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AGRICULTURE

Marketing of Potatoes

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JULY, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 11 of the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance as to fees, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1964.

Revocation

2. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland) 1937(b), the Potato Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Approval) Order 1946(c) and the Marketing of Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(d) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations,

“Packer” means the grower or other person on whose premises potatoes are packed for sale.

“Licence-holder” means a person who holds a current licence issued under these Regulations.

“The Act” means the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.

Licences

4.—(1) An application for a potato shipping licence or for the renewal of such licence shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule and such licence shall not be issued or renewed unless the application is received by the Ministry on or before 30th June next before the day on which the licence, if issued or renewed, would have come into force providing that an application for a licence in respect of the 12 months ending 31st July, 1965, shall be received by the Ministry not later than the 31st August, 1964.

(2) A potato shipping licence shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule and shall be in force from the 1st August in the year in which it is issued until the 31st July next following.

Fees with Application

5.—(1) The fee for the issue or renewal of a potato shipping licence shall be fifteen pounds and shall accompany the application for such licence.

(a) 1964. c. 8 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 104.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1946, No. 131.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 183.

(2) A sum of forty-five pounds shall be paid to the Ministry at the time at which application for a potato shipping licence is made and the said sum shall, in the event of a licence being issued, be placed to the credit of the applicant as a payment on account of the fees payable by him under Regulation 8.

Standards for Potatoes for Shipment

6. For the purposes of Section 3 of the Act, potatoes shall be of the standard of quality prescribed in the Third Schedule and shall be graded, packed and labelled in the manner prescribed in the Third Schedule.

Standards for Potatoes for sale within Northern Ireland

7. Potatoes shall, if sold or offered or exposed for sale in Northern Ireland.

(1) as ware potatoes, be graded as prescribed in paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule, and be of the standard of quality prescribed in paragraph 3 of the Third Schedule,

(2) as seed potatoes, be of the standard of quality prescribed in paragraph 8 of the Third Schedule,

(3) and offered for examination under Section 7(2) of the Act, have a label showing the name and address of the packer securely attached to each package.

Fees for the Inspection of Potatoes

8.—(1) Save as provided by paragraph (2), a fee of three shillings per ton or part thereof of potatoes inspected shall be payable to the Ministry by a licence-holder in respect of each inspection of potatoes for or on his behalf by an authorised officer under Section 3 of the Act.

(2) Where potatoes are presented by a packer other than a licence-holder for or on behalf of a licence-holder to an authorised officer for inspection under Section 3 of the Act at the place at which the potatoes were packed and where as the result of his inspection the authorised officer is of the opinion that the potatoes are not of the standard of quality prescribed in the Third Schedule or are not packed and labelled in the manner prescribed in that Schedule, a fee of three shillings per ton or part thereof of potatoes inspected shall be payable to the Ministry by the packer thereof.

(3) Where in connection with the issue of a permit under Section 4 of the Act, the applicant requests an inspection of the potatoes or where the Ministry deems it necessary that such inspection be made, a fee of three shillings per ton or part thereof in the consignment shall be payable to the Ministry by the applicant.

(4) Where, under Section 7(2) of the Act, an authorised officer at the request of a purchaser, seller or other person examines, on a farm where they have been grown, potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in Northern Ireland, the person making the request shall pay to the Ministry in respect of the examination a fee of three shillings per ton or part thereof.

(5) In assessing the amount of fees payable under the foregoing paragraphs, the Ministry may, where more than one consignment of potatoes has been inspected, deem the sum of the quantities to be one consignment.

(6) Fees payable to the Ministry under this Regulation shall be paid within one month of the date of demand for same.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of July, 1964.

(L.S.)

A. McKelvie,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of July, 1964.

(L.S.)

Robert H. Kidd,
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964
MARKETING OF POTATOES REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964

Form of application for a licence under the above-mentioned Act and Regulations

1. I/We hereby apply for a licence to send potatoes out of Northern Ireland.
 2. I/We enclose cheque for sixty pounds made up as follows:—
 £15 being the fee for licence as prescribed by the above-mentioned Regulations.
 £45 being the amount prescribed by way of payment on account of inspection fees.
 3. I/We am/are in possession of storage and other facilities for the handling and inspection of potatoes at
 4. I/We hereby undertake in the event of a licence being issued to me/us to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act and Regulations made there-under and to comply with such conditions as the Ministry may specify in the licence and with such amendments to such conditions as may from time to time be made by the Ministry and brought to my/our notice.
- Signed for and on behalf of the Applicant(s)
- Full Postal Address of Applicant
- Date

To: The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road,
BELFAST, 4.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964
MARKETING OF POTATOES REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964

Licence No.

Licence

This is to certify that
of
in the County of is/are licensed under the above-mentioned
Act and Regulations made thereunder to send potatoes out of Northern Ireland
subject to compliance with the provisions of the said Act and Regulations and
to compliance with such conditions as are specified herein and with such amend-
ments thereto as may from time to time be made by the Ministry and be brought
to the notice of the licence-holder.

This licence shall be valid from
to the

Dated this day of 19.....

Secretary.

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Standards for Ware Potatoes**1. Grading**

The minimum and maximum size of potatoes shall be such as may from time to time be required by the Ministry.

2. Packing

(1) All packages of potatoes shall be one hundred and twelve pounds net weight unless varied by the terms of contract in which case the actual weight of the contents shall be marked on each package.

(2) Potatoes shall be so packed that the contents of any one package in a consignment shall be representative of all the packages in the consignment.

(3) Potatoes shall be packed in such packages as are or may be approved by the Ministry for the conveyance of potatoes.

(4) Each package of potatoes shall be marked to the satisfaction of the Ministry with the following particulars—

(a) The name, trade brand or mark or licence number of a licence-holder.

(b) The nature of the contents, that is to say "Northern Ireland ware potatoes", "Northern Ireland table potatoes" or "Northern Ireland selected table potatoes" or similar description approved by the Ministry.

(c) The name of the variety or, if approved by the Ministry, the varietal group.

(d) The weight of the contents if other than 112 lb.

(5) A label approved by the Ministry shall be securely attached to each package and such label shall show—

(a) The name and address of the packer; and

(b) The name or trade brand or licence number of a licence-holder.

3. *Quality*

(1) Potatoes shall be—

(a) in clean and sufficiently dry condition to enable defects to be observed and to prevent so far as is possible heating or decay of the potatoes during storage;

(b) sound and firm;

(c) free of visible traces of fertilisers;

(d) free of foreign smell;

(e) free from Black Scab or Wart Disease, Blight and Dry Rot and substantially free from other diseases;

(f) free from frost damage;

(g) practically unsprouted;

(h) free from internal and external defects likely to impair presentation and culinary and commercial value.

(2) Potatoes shall not be—

(a) seriously affected by common scab;

(b) seriously affected by pest damage;

(c) bruised, cut, cracked or hacked;

(d) green;

(e) shrunken;

(f) misshapen.

(3) Any package of ware potatoes shall be free from waste, that is to say, earth, detached growth shoots and extraneous matter, and shall be so packed that any tubers exposed to view or which would be exposed to view if the package were opened fairly represent in size, condition and quality the entire contents of the package.

4. The standards for quality required herein shall be subject to such variation for tolerance as the Ministry may, in any case, allow.

Standards for Seed Potatoes

5. *Definition*

Seed potatoes shall not be so described unless they are the produce of crops classified and certified by the Ministry as suitable for seed purposes.

6. *Grading*

Unless varied by the terms of contract the minimum and maximum size of tubers shall be such as may from time to time be required by the Ministry.

7. *Packing*

(1) All packages of potatoes shall be one hundred and twelve pounds net weight unless varied by the terms of contract in which case the actual weight of the contents shall be marked on each package.

(2) Potatoes shall be so packed that the contents of any one package in a consignment shall be representative of all the packages in the consignment.

(3) Potatoes shall be packed in such packages as are or may be approved by the Ministry for the conveyance of potatoes.

(4) Each package of potatoes shall be marked in letters and figures not less than 2 inches in height and to the satisfaction of the Ministry with the following particulars—

(a) The name and address or the trade brand or mark or licence number of a licence-holder.

- (b) The description of the contents, that is to say "Certified (Northern Ireland)".
- (c) The classification of the seed potatoes, that is to say "Class A" or "Stock Seed".
- (d) The name of the variety.
- (e) The size of the seed potatoes.
- (f) The weight of the contents if other than 112 lbs.

(5) A label of such dimensions and such material as may be approved by the Ministry shall be securely attached to the outside of each package and such label shall show—

- (a) the name and address of the packer;
- (b) the name or trade brand or licence number of a licence-holder;
- (c) the growing crop certificate number.

The particulars required to be marked on the label shall be printed in type of a size not less than 8 point type or otherwise marked legibly and indelibly in figures and letters of a similar size.

8. *Quality*

(1) Potatoes shall be—

- (a) in clean and sufficiently dry condition to enable defects to be observed and to prevent so far as is possible heating or decay of the potatoes during storage;
- (b) sound and firm;
- (c) free of visible traces of fertilisers;
- (d) free from Black Scab or Wart Disease, Blight and Dry Rot, and substantially free from other diseases;
- (e) free from frost damage.

(2) Potatoes shall not be—

- (a) seriously affected by common scab;
- (b) seriously affected by pest damage;
- (c) bruised, cut, cracked or hacked;
- (d) shrunken;
- (e) misshapen.

(3) Any package of seed potatoes shall be free from waste, that is to say, earth, detached growth shoots and extraneous matter, and shall be so packed that any tubers exposed to view or which would be exposed to view if the package were opened, fairly represent in size, condition and quality the entire contents of the package.

9. The standards for quality required herein shall be subject to such variation for tolerance as the Ministry may, in any case, allow.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations take the place of the Regulations made under the Marketing of Potatoes Acts 1928 to 1938, which were revoked by the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland) 1964. They specify:

- (1) (a) the form in which application for a potato shipping licence may be made;
 - (b) the form of a potato shipping licence; and
 - (c) the fees that shall accompany an application for a potato shipping licence or the renewal of a potato shipping licence;
2. (a) standards of quality, grading, packing and labelling for potatoes for shipment from Northern Ireland;
 - (b) standards of grading and quality for ware potatoes sold in Northern Ireland;
 - (c) standards of quality for seed potatoes sold in Northern Ireland;
 - (d) that potatoes intended for sale in Northern Ireland inspected by request are to be labelled with the name and address of the packer;
3. fees for each inspection of potatoes intended for shipment under licence or under permit or of potatoes inspected by request.

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ULSTER SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH AUGUST, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 15(1) OF THE EXCHEQUER AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1950.

The Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 15(1) of the Exchequer and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. Regulation 11(4) of the Ulster Savings Certificates Regulations 1962(b) shall be amended by the omission therefrom of the words "and on production of the relevant Court Orders (if any)".

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Ulster Savings Certificates (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1964 and shall be construed as one with the Ulster Savings Certificates Regulations 1962 to 1964, and those Regulations and these Regulations may hereafter be cited together as the Ulster Savings Certificates Regulations 1962 to 1964.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 4th day of August, 1964, in the presence of

(L.S.)

D. C. B. Holden,
Second Secretary.

(a) 1950. c. 3.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 36.