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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 225**

**The Marketing of Horticultural  
Produce (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Marketing of Horticultural Produce (Scotland) Regulations 2009 and come into force on 1st July 2009.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“authorised officer” means any person (whether or not an officer of the Scottish Ministers) who is authorised for the purposes of these Regulations by the Scottish Ministers;

[<sup>F1</sup>“Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011” means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors, as amended from time to time;]

[<sup>F2</sup>“EU marketing rules” means the general marketing standard and the specific marketing standards covering fresh fruit and vegetables listed in Part IX of Annex I to [<sup>F3</sup>Council Regulation 2013 and includes the rules relating to those standards contained in Articles 74, 75 and 76] of that Council Regulation and in Title II of Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011;]

“container” includes any basket, pail, tray, package or receptacle of any kind, whether open or closed;

“controlled”, in relation to horticultural produce, means that the power conferred by regulation 10(1) has been exercised in relation to it and that no consent to its movement has been given under regulation 13(1) when the circumstances in regulation 13(2) apply;

[<sup>F4</sup>“Council Regulation 2013” means Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007, as amended from time to time,]

[<sup>F5</sup>“general marketing standard” means the requirements of [<sup>F6</sup>Article 76(1) of Council Regulation 2013] as detailed in Article 3(1) of, and Part A of Annex I to, Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011]

“horticultural produce” means fruit and vegetables listed in Part IX of Annex I to [<sup>F7</sup>Council Regulation 2013] to which [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] apply;

“justice of the peace” means a justice of the peace appointed under section 67(1) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 <sup>M1</sup>;

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“label” includes any device for conveying information by written characters or other symbols, and any characters or symbols stamped or otherwise placed directly on to any horticultural produce or container, and references to the affixing of a label are construed accordingly;

“non compliance label” means a label indicating that produce is not compliant with [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules];

“premises” includes any place, vehicle or trailer, stall, vessel, container, moveable structure, aircraft or hovercraft;

[<sup>F9</sup>“specific marketing standards” means the marketing standards provided for under [<sup>F10</sup>Article 75(1)(b) of Council Regulation 2013] as detailed in Article 3(2) of, and Part B of Annex I to, Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011, and “specific marketing standard” means one of those specific marketing standards;]

“stop notice label” has the meaning given in regulation 12.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to anything done “in writing” or produced “in written form” includes a reference to an electronic communication, as defined in the Electronic Communications Act 2000<sup>M2</sup> which has been recorded in written form and is capable of being reproduced in that form.

(3) Unless otherwise provided in this Regulation, terms used in these Regulations have the same meaning as they have in [<sup>F11</sup>Council Regulation 2013] and [<sup>F12</sup>Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011].

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(a)(i)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(a)(ii)**
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.1.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3235\)](#), regs. 1, **19(2)(a)(i)**
- F4** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.2.2019) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/391\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(2)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(a)(iii)**
- F6** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.1.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3235\)](#), regs. 1, **19(2)(a)(iii)**
- F7** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.1.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3235\)](#), regs. 1, **19(2)(a)(iv)**
- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)
- F9** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(a)(iv)**
- F10** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (1.1.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3235\)](#), regs. 1, **19(2)(a)(v)**
- F11** Words in reg. 2(3) substituted (1.1.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3235\)](#), regs. 1, **19(2)(b)**
- F12** Words in reg. 2(3) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(b)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 2007 asp 6.

**M2** 2000 (c. 7); amended by paragraph 158 of Schedule 17 to the [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#).

### Designations and information disclosure

**3.—(1)** The Scottish Ministers are designated as the inspection body responsible for the purposes of [<sup>F13</sup>Article 9(1)(b) of Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011].

(2) For the purposes of fulfilling the obligations on inspection bodies contained in the [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] and for the enforcement of these Regulations, the Scottish Ministers may as appropriate or where required to do so provide information to the Secretary of State, the Northern Ireland and Welsh inspection bodies or the European Commission.

(3) The Scottish Ministers may appoint officers for the purposes of the enforcement of these Regulations, in these Regulations referred to as authorised officers.

#### Textual Amendments

**F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 18](#) (with art. 3)

**F13** Words in [reg. 3\(1\)](#) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), 4

### Authorised officer: powers of entry

**4.—(1)** An authorised officer may enter any premises at any reasonable hour for the purposes of the enforcement of these Regulations.

(2) An authorised officer must, if requested to do so, produce a duly authenticated authorisation document.

(3) An authorised officer may be accompanied by any other persons and any equipment as the authorised officer considers necessary.

(4) If a [<sup>F14</sup>sheriff, stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace], on information in writing sworn on oath, is satisfied there are reasonable grounds for entry into any premises for the purpose of enforcing these Regulations, and—

- (a) admission to an authorised officer has been refused, or a refusal is expected, and (in either case) that notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier; or
- (b) an application for admission to the premises, or the giving of such a notice, would defeat the object of the entry; or
- (c) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent; or
- (d) the case is one of urgency,

the [<sup>F14</sup>sheriff, stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace] may by a signed warrant authorise the authorised officer to enter the premises, if need be by reasonable force.

(5) A warrant granted under paragraph (4) is valid for a period of one month.

(6) An authorised officer who enters, by virtue of this Regulation, any premises which are unoccupied or the occupier of which is temporarily absent, must leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as they were before entry.

(7) It is an offence for a person who has obtained confidential information in the course of acting for the purposes of the enforcement of these Regulations to disclose that information, whether it was obtained on premises entered under or by virtue of these Regulations or otherwise, unless the

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disclosure is made in the performance of that person's duty or in accordance with section 17(2) of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 <sup>M3</sup>.

#### Textual Amendments

**F14** Words in reg. 4(4) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), 5

#### Marginal Citations

**M3** 2001 c. 24.

### Authorised officer: other powers

5.—(1) An authorised officer who has lawfully entered premises for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations, may for that purpose—

- (a) require any person to provide such assistance, information or facilities as the authorised officer may reasonably require;
- (b) make any enquiries, observe any activity or process, and take photographs;
- (c) inspect and search the premises;
- (d) inspect any machinery or equipment and any other article on the premises;
- (e) inspect and take samples of any horticultural produce found on the premises;
- (f) inspect, seize and detain any container used in connection with horticultural produce;
- (g) have access to, inspect and copy any label, notice, document or record (in whatever form they are held) and remove them to enable them to be copied or require copies to be made;
- (h) detach, or give permission to be detached, any produce not compliant with [F8EU marketing rules] label, or stop notice label when the reasons for their being affixed no longer apply;
- (i) have access to, inspect and check the data on, and operation of, any computer and any associated apparatus or material that is or has been in use in connection with a label, notice, document or record mentioned in this Regulation, including data relating to deleted files and activity logs; and for this purpose may require any person having charge of, or otherwise concerned with the operation of the computer, apparatus or material to afford such assistance (including the provision of passwords) as may reasonably be required and, where these items are kept by means of a computer, may require them to be produced in a visible and legible form in which they may be taken away;
- (j) seize any computers and associated equipment for the purpose of copying any data, but only if that authorised officer has a reasonable suspicion that an offence under these Regulations has been committed, and provided they are returned as soon as practicable; and
- (k) seize and detain any items in sub-paragraph (g) if the authorised officer has reason to believe they may be required as evidence in proceedings under these Regulations.

(2) An authorised officer must—

- (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable, provide to the person appearing to be responsible for any items that that authorised officer seizes and detains under paragraph (1) a written receipt identifying those items; and

- (b) as soon as is reasonably practicable after deciding that those items are no longer required, return them, apart from those to be used as evidence in any court or other proceedings under these Regulations.

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)

#### Authorised officer: power to affix a non compliance label

**6.—(1)** Where an authorised officer, who has lawfully entered premises for the purpose of the enforcement of these regulations, finds horticultural produce subject to a specific marketing standard which has affixed to it a label or is accompanied by a notice or a document required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules], or is in a container to which such a label is affixed or which is accompanied by such a notice or document—

- (a) indicating in either case that that horticultural produce is of a particular class under the relevant specific marketing standard; but
- (b) which the authorised officer has reasonable cause to believe to be of an inferior class under that specific marketing standard,

the authorised officer may amend or cancel the label, notice or document and may affix to the horticultural produce, or, as the case may be, to the notice or container, a non compliance label.

(2) For the purposes of regulations 6, 7 and 8, a non compliance label shall be—

- (a) in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
- (b) completed in accordance with Part II of that Schedule.

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)

**7.—(1)** Where an authorised officer, who has lawfully entered premises for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations, finds any horticultural produce which either has affixed to it a label or is accompanied by a notice or a document required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules], or is in a container to which such a label is affixed or which is accompanied by such a notice or document, indicating in either case that one of the situations in paragraphs (2) to (4) applies, an authorised officer may amend or cancel the label, notice or document and may affix to the horticultural produce, or, as the case may be, to the notice or container, a non compliance label.

(2) Situation 1 is where the label, notice or document indicates—

- (a) that horticultural produce is of a class marketable under the specific marketing standard applicable to it; but
- (b) which the authorised officer has reasonable cause to believe does not comply with any class of that specific marketing standard but only complies with the general marketing standard.

(3) Situation 2 is where the label, notice or document indicates—

- (a) that horticultural produce is of a class marketable under the specific marketing standard applicable to it; but

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- (b) which the authorised officer has reasonable cause to believe is not of a standard marketable under [F8EU marketing rules].
- (4) Situation 3 is where the label, notice or document indicates–
  - (a) that horticultural produce complies with the general marketing standard; but
  - (b) which the authorised officer has reasonable cause to believe is not of a standard marketable under [F8EU marketing rules].

#### Textual Amendments

**F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)

**8.—(1)** Where an authorised officer, who has lawfully entered premises for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations, finds any horticultural produce, or container holding horticultural produce, which–

- (a) does not have a label required by the [F8EU marketing rules] affixed to it;
- (b) is not accompanied by a notice or document required by the [F8EU marketing rules];
- (c) has a label required by the [F8EU marketing rules] affixed to it, or to its container, but the label appears to the authorised officer to be incorrect (other than in relation to a particular class under the specific marketing standard applying to that horticultural produce, if applicable), or to have been altered or defaced; or
- (d) is accompanied by a notice or document required by the [F8EU marketing rules] but which appears to the authorised officer to be incorrect (other than in relation to a particular class under the specific marketing standard applying to that horticultural produce, if applicable), or to have been altered or defaced with the result that it is incorrect,

the authorised officer may, as appropriate, amend or cancel the label, notice or document and may affix to the horticultural produce, or, as the case may be, to the container, a non compliance label.

#### Textual Amendments

**F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)

#### Authorised officer: Requirement to serve a notice in terms of regulations 6, 7 and 8

**9.—(1)** If an authorised officer deems it appropriate to affix a non compliance label to horticultural produce or to its container in terms of regulation 6, 7 or 8, the officer must, at the same time serve a written notice on the owner of the horticultural produce or an agent or employee of the owner, advising of the reasons for non compliance and clearly indicating:–

- (a) in the case where regulation 6 applies, which of the circumstances contained in regulation 6(1)(a) or (b) is applicable;
- (b) in the case where regulation 7 applies, which of the circumstances contained in regulation 7(2) to (4) is applicable; or
- (c) in the case where regulation 8 applies, which of the circumstances contained in regulation 8(1)(a) to (d) is applicable.

(2) Any notice issued by an authorised officer in terms of this regulation shall, in addition to the information required in terms of regulation 9(1)(a), (b) or (c) (as applicable), also contain the following information:—

- (a) the Notice shall be named “Notice of Non compliance with [F8EU marketing rules]”;
- (b) reference to the Marketing of Horticultural Produce (Scotland) Regulations 2009;
- (c) a reference number to correspond with the compliance check, this reference number to be entered on the non compliance label affixed to the produce;
- (d) the name and address of the trader or importer or exporter responsible for the horticultural produce;
- (e) reasons for the non compliance with the [F8EU marketing rules];
- (f) a warning that it is an offence in terms of these regulations to display or offer for sale, deliver or market in any other manner horticultural produce in contravention of or in non compliance with the [F8EU marketing rules];
- (g) the product (with the variety/type claimed, if applicable);
- (h) origin of produce claimed;
- (i) class of produce claimed/attained, if applicable;
- (j) quantity of the consignment;
- (k) signature of the authorised officer;
- (l) date, time and place of the compliance check; and
- (m) an official stamp bearing the number identifying the authorised officer.

#### Textual Amendments

**F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)

#### Authorised officer: powers to control the movement of horticultural produce

**10.**—(1) An authorised officer may, by written notice pursuant to paragraph (2), prohibit the movement of any horticultural produce if the authorised officer reasonably suspects that an offence under these Regulations is being committed in respect of that horticultural produce.

(2) The written notice referred to in paragraph (1) must be served on the person appearing to the authorised officer to be in charge of the horticultural produce concerned and must—

- (a) specify the date, place and time of service of the notice;
- (b) contain details of the recipient of the notice;
- (c) specify the horticultural produce in relation to which the power has been exercised;
- (d) state the reason for its detention;
- (e) confirm that options for bringing the horticultural produce into conformity with the [F8EU marketing rules] or for the appropriate disposal of that horticultural produce have been discussed between the authorised officer and the person appearing to be in charge of the horticultural produce;
- (f) state the location of that horticultural produce;
- (g) state that the horticultural produce may not be moved from that location without the written consent of an authorised officer; and

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(h) contain the authorised officer's official stamp and number.

[<sup>F15</sup>(3) When serving the notice under paragraph (1), the authorised officer must inform the [<sup>F16</sup>person on whom the notice is served] of the right of review under regulation 11 and how it may be exercised.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)
- F15** Reg. 10(3) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), 6
- F16** Words in reg. 10(3) substituted (28.2.2019) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/391\)](#), regs. 1(1), **20(3)**

#### [<sup>F17</sup>Right of review

**11.—(1)** The person on whom a notice has been served, or owner of the horticultural produce or an agent or employee acting on behalf of the owner (“the relevant person”), may request the Scottish Ministers to arrange a review of the decision of an authorised officer to serve a notice under regulation 10(1).

(2) The relevant person requesting a review of a decision to serve a notice under regulation 10(1) must do so in person, by telephone, in writing or by fax to the contact details indicated in the notice and a request in person or by telephone must be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

(3) The review is to be determined by a person (unconnected with the original decision) appointed by the Scottish Ministers (“the appointed person”) under arrangements maintained by them for the purpose of this regulation.

(4) The appointed person conducting the review may cancel the notice or confirm it, with or without modifications.

(5) The appointed person must—

- (a) complete the review as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within two working days of the request being made under paragraph (1); and
- (b) serve notice on the relevant person of the decision in writing.

(6) The Scottish Ministers may suspend the notice pending determination of the review and must serve a notice forthwith of their decision to do so on the relevant person and the authorised officer.

(7) The appointed person’s determination is final.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F17** Reg. 11 substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), 7

#### Authorised officer: power to affix a stop notice label

**12.—(1)** An authorised officer may affix to any controlled horticultural produce, or to any container in which the controlled horticultural produce is packed, a label warning of the exercise of the power in regulation 10(1) (a “stop notice label”).



- (2) A stop notice label must be—
- (a) in the form set out in Part III of Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
  - (b) completed in accordance with Part IV of that Schedule.

### **Authorised officer: consents to the movement of controlled horticultural produce**

**13.**—(1) An authorised officer may, at any time, give written consent to the movement of controlled horticultural produce and must give such consent, upon request, if the circumstances in paragraph (2) or (3) apply.

- (2) The circumstances in which this paragraph applies are where—
- (a) the authorised officer is satisfied that no offence under these Regulations would be committed in respect of the horticultural produce if it were sold in circumstances in which [F8EU marketing rules] apply; or
  - (b) the authorised officer, or any other authorised officer, has been given a written undertaking that the horticultural produce will be disposed of in a specified manner and the authorised officer is satisfied that if the horticultural produce is disposed of in that manner, no offence under these Regulations would be committed in respect of it and the authorised officer has no reason to doubt that the terms of the undertaking will not be met.
- (3) The circumstances in which this paragraph applies are where—
- (a) the authorised officer, or any other authorised officer, has been given a written undertaking to the effect that—
    - (i) the horticultural produce will be moved to a place approved by an authorised officer;
    - (ii) steps required will be taken to ensure that the horticultural produce may be sold in circumstances in which [F8EU marketing rules] apply without an offence under these Regulations being committed in respect of it or will be disposed of in such a manner that no offence under these Regulations would be committed in respect of it; and
    - (iii) the horticultural produce will not be moved from that place without the written consent of an authorised officer; and
  - (b) the authorised officer has no reason to doubt that the terms of the undertaking will not be met.
- [F18(4) A consent given by an authorised officer under this regulation must—
- (a) specify the horticultural produce to which it relates;
  - (b) include the terms of any undertaking given under paragraph (2) or (3); and
  - (c) where the consent is given under paragraph (3), state that the horticultural produce continues to be controlled.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)
- F18** [Reg. 13\(4\)](#) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8**

### **Exercise of powers on premises**

**14.** The powers under regulations 4 to 10 and 12 to 13 of these Regulations may not be exercised on premises used wholly as a private dwelling house.

### [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] offences

**15.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person is guilty of an offence if he or she displays, offers for sale, delivers or markets in any other manner, horticultural produce in contravention of or in non compliance with—

- (a) the general marketing standard, if applicable; or
- (b) any specific marketing standard applying to that horticultural produce.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she fails to comply with any provision of [<sup>F19</sup>Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011] mentioned in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these Regulations, as read with any provision mentioned in any corresponding entry in column 2 of that Schedule.

(3) Where—

- (a) an authorised officer has inspected horticultural produce and found it not to conform with [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules]; and
- (b) the person in charge of that horticultural produce has given an undertaking, or has been responsible for the giving of an undertaking in relation to that horticultural produce,

it is an offence for that person to act in breach of the undertaking or to cause or permit his or her agent or employee to act in breach of the undertaking.

(4) A person is guilty of an offence if, in purporting to provide the information particulars required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] for horticultural produce, he or she gives an inaccurate or false description of that horticultural produce on a label affixed to, or in a notice or document accompanying, that horticultural produce.

(5) A person, other than an authorised officer, is guilty of an offence if he or she affixes, or causes or permits to be affixed, a non compliance label to any container of horticultural produce, or to the horticultural produce itself, or to any notice or document which is required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] to accompany that horticultural produce.

(6) A person, other than an authorised officer, is guilty of an offence if he or she removes, conceals, defaces or alters, or causes or permits to be removed, concealed, defaced or altered—

- (a) any notice or document which is required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] to accompany horticultural produce or any label which is required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] to be affixed to that horticultural produce or to its container; or
- (b) a non compliance label which has been applied by an authorised officer in the execution of these Regulations to the horticultural produce or to its container.

(7) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she exports or imports any consignment of horticultural produce to or from any place outside [<sup>F20</sup>the European Union] without a document, label or notice which is required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] to accompany that horticultural produce.

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)
- F19** Words in [reg. 15\(2\)](#) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9**
- F20** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), arts. 2, **3-6**

### [<sup>F21</sup>Provision of information – trader database

**15A.**—(1) A trader must provide to the Scottish Ministers such information as Ministers consider necessary to set up and update the database established for the purpose of Article 10 of Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she fails to provide any information required by the Scottish Ministers in accordance with paragraph (1).

#### Textual Amendments

**F21** Regs. 15A, 15B inserted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10**

### Provision of information – conformity checks

**15B.**—(1) A trader must provide to an authorised officer such information as that officer considers necessary—

- (a) for organising and carrying out a conformity check in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011; or
- (b) for the purposes of Article 17 of Commission Implementing Regulation 543/2011.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she fails to provide any information required by an authorised officer in accordance with paragraph (1).]

#### Textual Amendments

**F21** Regs. 15A, 15B inserted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10**

### Derogation from specific marketing standards

**16.** Horticultural produce to which a specific marketing standard applies is not required to comply with that specific marketing standard if that horticultural produce complies with the general marketing standard and if it is—

- (a) presented for retail to consumers for their personal use; and
- (b) labelled “product intended for processing” or with any other equivalent wording <sup>M4</sup>.

#### Marginal Citations

**M4** Regulation 16 exercises the derogation from Article 113(a)(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 in Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1580/2007 as amended by Article 1(2)(a) and (c) of Commission Regulation (EC) 1221/2008 laying down implementing rules of Council Regulations (EC) No. 2200/96, (EC) No. 2201/96 and (EC) No. 1182/2007 in the fruit and vegetable sector as regards marketing standards (O.J. No. L 336, 13.12.2008, p.1.

### Offences relating to movement of controlled horticultural produce

**17.**—[<sup>F22</sup>(1) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she moves controlled horticultural produce or a container with controlled horticultural produce in it, or causes or permits it to be moved—

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- (a) without the written consent; or
  - (b) other than in accordance with the written consent,
- of an authorised officer given under regulation 13(1).]

(2) A person, other than an authorised officer, is guilty of an offence if he or she removes or causes or permits to be removed from that controlled horticultural produce or its container a stop notice label affixed by an authorised officer under regulation 12(1).

<sup>F23</sup>(3) .....

(4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Regulation, to prove that, when the power conferred by regulation 10(1) was exercised, there was no failure to comply with these Regulations in respect of the horticultural produce concerned.

#### Textual Amendments

- F22** Reg. 17(1) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(a)**
- F23** Reg. 17(3) omitted (10.10.2011) by virtue of [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(b)**

#### Obstruction

**18.—**(1) A person is guilty of an offence if he or she—

- (a) <sup>F24</sup>... obstructs an authorised officer acting for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations, or a person accompanying such an authorised officer under regulation 4(3);
- [<sup>F25</sup>(b) fails without reasonable excuse to give an authorised officer acting for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations any assistance or information or to provide any record or facilities that the authorised officer may reasonably require;]
- (c) fails to make any request for inspection when required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules] or to give any notice or information required by [<sup>F8</sup>EU marketing rules]; or
- (d) [<sup>F26</sup>supplies] to an authorised officer acting for the purpose of the enforcement of these Regulations any information knowing it to be false or misleading.

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Regulations substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 18** (with art. 3)
- F24** Word in reg. 18(1)(a) omitted (10.10.2011) by virtue of [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **12(a)**
- F25** Reg. 18(1)(b) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **12(b)**
- F26** Word in reg. 18(1)(d) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **12(c)**

#### Offence due to fault of another person

**19.—**(1) Where the commission by a person (“A”) of an offence under these Regulations was due to an act or default of another person (“B”), B is guilty of an offence.

[<sup>F27</sup>(2) Proceedings may be taken against B whether or not proceedings are taken against A.]

### Textual Amendments

**F27** Reg. 19(2) substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **13**

### Defences

**20.**—(1) It is a defence for a person charged (“A”) with an offence under these Regulations, except for the offences in regulation 18 (obstruction), to prove that their actions were carried out with lawful authority or that they took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.

(2) Where A wishes to rely on the defence in paragraph (1), A must serve on the prosecutor a written notice of that fact in accordance with paragraph (4).

(3) Where the defence provided by paragraph (1) involves an allegation that the commission of the offence was due to the act or default of another person, A is not, without leave of the court, entitled to rely on that defence unless A has served on the prosecutor a written notice in accordance with paragraph (4) giving such information identifying or assisting in the identification of that person as was then in A's possession.

(4) The notice must be served—

- (a) where an intermediate diet is held, at or before that diet; or
- (b) where such a diet is not to be held, no later than 10 clear days before the trial diet.

### [<sup>F28</sup>Offences by bodies corporate

**21.**—(1) Where—

- (a) an offence under these Regulations has been committed by a body corporate or a Scottish partnership or other unincorporated association;
- (b) it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of—
  - (i) a relevant individual; or
  - (ii) an individual purporting to act in the capacity of a relevant individual,

the individual as well as the body corporate, Scottish partnership or unincorporated association is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) In paragraph (1), “relevant individual” means—

- (a) in relation to a body corporate—
  - (i) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body;
  - (ii) where the affairs of the body are managed by its members, a member;
- (b) in relation to a Scottish partnership, a partner;
- (c) in relation to an unincorporated association other than a Scottish partnership, a person who is concerned in the management or control of the association.]

### Textual Amendments

**F28** Reg. 21 substituted (10.10.2011) by [The Marketing of Horticultural Produce \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **14**

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## Penalties

22. A person guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

## Revocations

23. In so far as they apply to Scotland, the following statutory instruments are revoked—

- (a) the Grading of Horticultural Produce (Amendment) Regulations 1973 <sup>M5</sup>;
- (b) the Grading of Horticultural Produce (Amendment) Regulations 1983 <sup>M6</sup>; and
- (c) the Grading of Horticultural Produce (Forms of Labels) Regulations 1982 <sup>M7</sup>.

### Marginal Citations

- M5** S.I. 1973/22.  
**M6** S.I. 1983/1053.  
**M7** S.I. 1982/387.

## Disapplication

24. In so far as they apply to Scotland, the following Acts do not apply to horticultural produce—

- (a) the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964 <sup>M8</sup> and the Horticultural Produce Act 1986 <sup>M9</sup> which modifies it;
- (b) the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Acts 1928 <sup>M10</sup> and 1931 <sup>M11</sup>; and
- (c) the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958 <sup>M12</sup>.

### Marginal Citations

- M8** 1964 c. 28.  
**M9** 1986 c. 20.  
**M10** 1928 c. 19.  
**M11** 1931 (c. 40); this Act amended the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act 1928 and the two Acts may be cited together as the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Acts 1928 and 1931.  
**M12** 1958 c. 47.

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- reg. 25(2)(a) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2022/265 reg. 9\(b\)](#)