

## POTATOES, MARKETING OF.

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### Rules.

THE MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND),  
1937, DATED EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1937.

1937. No. 104.

The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers for this purpose vested in it by the Marketing of Potatoes Acts (Northern Ireland), 1928 and 1934, and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, hereby makes the Rules following, that is to say :—

#### I. *Short Title.*

These Rules shall be known as “ The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937.”

#### II. *Definitions.*

In these Rules unless the context shall require a different construction :—

- (1) The expression “ Ministry ” shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.
- (2) The expression “ prescribed ” shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.
- (3) “ Authorised ” shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

#### III. *Licences.*

Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

#### IV. *Payments on account of Inspection Fees.*

A sum of £15 in addition to the licence fee shall be forwarded to the Ministry with the form of application for a licence, and shall be placed by the Ministry to the credit of the person paying the sum as a payment on account of the fees payable by that person under Section 3 (3) of the Marketing of Potatoes Act

(Northern Ireland), 1928, for the period in respect of which the licence is granted.

V. *Conditions to be observed by Persons granted Licences.*

(1) Potatoes sent by Licence-holders from Northern Ireland under the authority of a Licence shall be graded, packed and of a standard of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules and shall be accompanied by a Certificate in the form or to the effect stated in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The fee for inspection of a consignment of potatoes shall be at the rate of 6d. per ton of potatoes in the consignment and such fees shall be paid at such time as the Ministry may appoint.

(3) Each bag or other receptacle containing potatoes consigned from Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence must bear a label indicating the name of the person on whose premises the potatoes were bagged. This provision, however, shall not apply in the case of potatoes bagged at and consigned from any store of any licensed potato merchant.

(4) Potatoes which have been examined and certified as complying with these Rules shall not be included in a consignment with potatoes which have not been so examined and certified and for the enforcement of this provision consignment notes shall, on demand, be presented to the Ministry's Inspector for examination.

(5) A licence-holder shall—

- (a) not consign potatoes to Great Britain for sale on commission in Great Britain provided that this provision shall not apply to seed potatoes ;
- (b) maintain in Northern Ireland storage and other facilities satisfactory to the Ministry for the handling and inspection of potatoes ;
- (c) not ship potatoes to Great Britain or the Isle of Man at prices less than the minimum prices determined for this purpose by the North of Ireland Potato Marketing Association and in operation at the time of such sale ;
- (d) comply with all instructions issued by the North of Ireland Potato Marketing Association and deemed by the Ministry to be reasonable ;
- (e) notify the Ministry in writing of the names and addresses of any agents employed by him in Northern Ireland and in Great Britain ;

- (f) submit to the Ministry, so as to reach the Ministry each Tuesday, a weekly statement, in a form satisfactory to the Ministry, of potatoes shipped by him under the authority of the licence up to and including the previous Saturday ;
- (g) comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

VI. *Inspection of Potatoes consigned to the Irish Free State.*

The provisions of the Marketing of Potatoes Acts (Northern Ireland), 1928 and 1934, shall apply to potatoes consigned to the Irish Free State from the following centres in Northern Ireland :—

(a) Ports :—

1. Londonderry,
2. Coleraine.
3. Belfast.

(b) Railway Stations :—

(i) *Great Northern Railway—*

1. Leitrim, Ballyward, Ballyronney.
2. Katesbridge.
3. Stewartstown.
4. Coalisland.
5. Trew and Moy.
6. All stations between Trew and Moy and Strabane inclusive, except Pomeroy, Carrickmore, Sixmilecross and Beragh.
7. Londonderry.

(ii) *Castleberg and Victoria Bridge Tramway—*

All Stations on the Castleberg and Victoria Bridge Tramway. Inspection to be carried out at Victoria Bridge.

(iii) *County Donegal Railways—*

All Goods Stations on the County Donegal Railways between Londonderry and Strabane. Inspection to be carried out either at Strabane or Londonderry.

(iv) *London, Midland and Scottish (N.C.C.) Railway—*

1. Londonderry.
2. Carrichue.
3. Ballykelly.
4. Limavady Junction.
5. Limavady.
6. Coleraine.
7. Ballymoney.
8. Dunloy.

9. Killagan.
10. Glarryford.
11. Cullybackey.
12. Ballymena.
13. Upperlands.
14. Kilrea.
15. Garvagh.
16. Aghadowey.
17. Dungiven.
18. Drumsurn and Derryork for inspection in transit at Limavady.
19. Culmore and Eglinton for inspection in transit at Londonderry.
20. Bellarena, Magilligan and Castlerock for inspection in transit either at Londonderry or Coleraine.
21. All stations on the Ballymena and Cushendall Branch for inspection in transit at Ballymena.

#### VII. *Permits.*

(1) Application for a permit shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A permit shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules.

(3) Where, for the purpose of the issue of a permit, an inspection of a consignment of potatoes is necessary the charge for such inspection shall be at the rate of 6d. per ton of potatoes in the consignment, provided that there shall be a minimum fee of 6d. and such fees shall be payable on demand by the Ministry or by an authorised officer.

(4) Permits may be given by the Ministry for the sending from Northern Ireland to Great Britain, the Irish Free State, or the Isle of Man of consignments of potatoes coming within the following categories :—

- (a) lots grown by the consignors ;
- (b) lots sent for experimental, demonstration, propaganda, advertisement or similar purposes ;
- (c) lots of less than one ton.

#### VIII. *Grading, Packing and Quality of Potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in the County Borough of Belfast.*

Potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in the County Borough of Belfast shall be of the standards of grading, packing, and quality laid down in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules.

#### IX. *Revocation of Previous Rules.*

The following Rules are hereby revoked from and after the date of commencement of these Rules :—

1. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1933.
2. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland, 1933, No. 2.
3. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1934.
4. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1935.
5. The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1936, No. 2.

X. *Commencement.*

These Rules shall come into operation on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1937.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, this eighth day of November, 1937, in the presence of—

(L.S.)                      (Signed),                      *G. S. Robertson,*  
Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.  
 MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Form of Application for a licence under the above-mentioned Acts.*

(1) I/We.....  
 hereby apply for a Licence under the above-mentioned Acts to send potatoes to Great Britain, the Irish Free State, and the Isle of Man.

(2) I/We enclose herewith cheque for £20, made up as follows:—  
 £5 being fee for licence as prescribed by the above-mentioned Acts;  
 £15 being the amount prescribed by way of payment on account of inspection fees.

(3) I/We are now in the 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 granted to me/us to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

Signature of Applicant(s).....  
 Full Postal Address.....  
 .....

Date.....

To The Secretary,  
 Ministry of Agriculture,  
 Stormont,  
 Belfast.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.

MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

Licence No.....

*Licence.*

This is to certify that.....  
of.....  
.....  
in the County of.....  
is/are licensed under the above-mentioned Acts to send potatoes to Great Britain,  
the Irish Free State and the Isle of Man subject to compliance with the provisions  
of the Acts and the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions  
as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

This Licence shall not be valid after the 31st day of August, 19.....

Dated this.....day of....., 19.....

Registrar.

Secretary.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.

MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Grading, Packing, and Standards of Quality for Potatoes sent by Licence-holders  
from Northern Ireland under the authority of a Licence.*

WARE POTATOES.

(Standards).

1. *Grading.*

Potatoes to be graded to satisfaction of Ministry's Inspector.

2. *Packing.*

Potatoes to be packed in clean bags of adequate dimensions sufficiently strong  
and well sewn to prevent spilling with normal handling. If bags are not used  
potatoes to be packed in other suitable receptacles.

No other printing except shippers' marks, and brand that may be prescribed  
by the Ministry, to be on bags or receptacles.

All packages of potatoes of a consignment to be of the same net weight which  
will be assumed to be 112 lbs. unless the inspector is specially notified by the  
Consignor as to actual weight. The total weight of a consignment of potatoes  
must conform to the weight on the forwarding consignment note or bill of lading.

Potatoes to be true to description on package.

3. *Standard of Quality.*

Potatoes to be in sound marketable condition.

SEED POTATOES.

1. *Grading.*

To be either in accordance with terms of contract, or to be suitable for the  
country to which they are to be consigned.

2. *Packing.*

Potatoes to be packed in clean bags of adequate dimensions sufficiently strong  
and well sewn to prevent spilling with normal handling. If bags are not used  
potatoes to be packed in other suitable receptacles.

All packages of potatoes of a consignment to be of the same net weight which  
will be assumed to be 112 lbs. unless the Inspector is specially notified by the  
Consignor as to the actual weight. The total weight of a consignment of potatoes  
must conform to the weight on the forwarding consignment note or bill of lading.

All packages of potatoes of a consignment to be clearly branded with the name of the variety or alternatively to be branded "mixed Varieties."

All potatoes in packages branded with the name of the variety must be the produce of crops inspected by the Ministry and certified by the Ministry to be of a purity of not less than 97 per cent.

Potatoes to be true to description on package.

The produce of crops of potatoes of the Lochar variety to be packed only in bags clearly branded "Lochar" and the produce of mixed crops of potatoes containing a substantial proportion of the Lochar variety to be packed only in bags clearly branded "Lochar Mixture."

3. *Standard of Quality.*

Potatoes to be (a) in clean and sufficiently dry condition to enable defects to be observed and to prevent heating or decay of potatoes in transit; (b) free from mixture with foreign matter. To be practically free from dirt, misshapen tubers, rot diseases, injuries, or damage of any kind likely to impair the vitality of the tubers.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.  
 MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Certificate.*

I hereby certify that I have inspected.....  
 tons .....cwts. of  $\frac{\text{Ware}}{\text{Seed}}$  potatoes marked  
 bags .....  
 shipped by .....  
 per S.S. ....  
 from ..... to.....  
 and consigned to.....  
 and have found the consignment to be of the prescribed standard of quality, properly graded and packed in accordance with the above-mentioned Acts and the Rules made thereunder.

Dated at.....  
 this.....day of.....19.....

Inspector of Ministry of Agriculture,  
 Northern Ireland.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.  
 MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Application for Permit to send Potatoes to Great Britain, the Irish Free State, or the Isle of Man under Section 4 of the Marketing of Potatoes Act (Northern Ireland), 1928.*

I hereby apply for a Permit to send to (a) Great Britain, the Irish Free State, or the Isle of Man the consignment of potatoes specified hereunder.

I undertake, if required, before such permit is issued to pay a fee at the rate of 6d. per ton for the potatoes in the consignment or if the quantity is less than 1 ton to pay the sum of 6d.

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

Date.....

To The Secretary,  
 Ministry of Agriculture,  
 Stormont,  
 Belfast.

(a) Strike out whichever is not applicable.

*Particulars of Consignment.*

\*Seed  
 †Variety  
 †Variety  
 †Quantity..... tons .....cwt.s.  
 †Consigned to.....  
 via the Northern Ireland Port of.....  
 Approximate date of Despatch of Consignment.....

\* Strike out whichever is not applicable.  
 † If potatoes are mixed varieties write the word "Mixed."  
 ‡ Here write name and address of person to whom the potatoes are being sent.

*Particulars of Applicant's Farm or Farms.*

Total area..... acres in townland of.....  
 Area under potatoes.....acres.  
 Estimated total yields in tons.....

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.  
 MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Permit.*

M....., of.....  
 is hereby granted permission to send from Northern Ireland.....ton's  
 .....cwt.s. of potatoes consigned to.....  
 of.....  
 via the Port of.....

(Signed),.....  
 Officer authorised by Ministry.

Date.....  
 This permit expires on.....

SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928 AND 1934.  
 MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937.

*Grading, Packing, and Quality of Potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in the County Borough of Belfast.*

WARE POTATOES.  
 (Standards).

1. *Grading.*

Potatoes should pass over a 1½ inch riddle, and all rough misshapen tubers should be excluded.

2. *Packing.*

(a) All packages to be 112 lbs. or 168 lbs. net weight, except in the case of packages to which labels are attached showing the actual net weight.

(b) Any package shall be so packed that any tubers exposed to view or which would be exposed to view if the package were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represent in size, condition, and variety the entire contents of the package.

3. *Standard of Quality.*

Potatoes to be :—

- (a) in clean and sufficiently dry condition to enable defects to be observed, and to prevent heating or decay of potatoes in storage ;
- (b) free from mixture with foreign matter ;
- (c) practically free from dirt, misshapen tubers, rot diseases, injuries or diseases or damage of any kind that would render tubers unfit for table use.

4. *Tolerance for Defects.*

Grading (paragraph 1)—5 lbs. per 112 lbs. undersized tubers passing through riddles of 1½ inch mesh and over riddles of 1¼ inch mesh.

Packing (paragraph 2)—Nil.

Standard of Quality (paragraph 3)—

- (a) Frost—Nil.
- (b) Soft rot—½ lb. per 112 lbs.



- (c) Earth—1 lb. per 112 lbs.  
 (d) Other defects— $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. per 112 lbs., including tubers which pass through  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch mesh provided that the total defects do not exceed 6 lbs. per 112 lbs.

SEED POTATOES.  
 (Standards).

*Grading.*

To be in accordance with terms of contract.

*Packing.*

(a) All packages to be 112 lbs. net weight, except in the case of packages to which labels are attached showing the actual net weight.

(b) All potatoes produced in Northern Ireland and sold or offered or exposed for sale under the name of a particular variety must be the produce of a crop inspected by the Ministry and certified by the Ministry to be of a purity of not less than  $99\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. All potatoes so sold or offered or exposed for sale must also be packed in containers which bear either a brand or a label showing the name of the variety and the number of the purity certificate issued by the Ministry for the crop from which the potatoes were produced.

All seed potatoes from uncertified crops must be either labelled or branded as "produce of non-certified crops" or as "mixed varieties."

(c) Any package shall be so packed that any tubers exposed to view or which would be exposed to view if the package were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represent in size, condition, and variety the entire contents of the package.

*Standard of Quality.*

Potatoes to be—

- (a) in clean and sufficiently dry condition to enable defects to be observed, and to prevent heating or decay of potatoes in storage;  
 (b) free from mixture with foreign matter;  
 (c) practically free from dirt, misshapen tubers, rot diseases, injurious diseases or damage of any kind that would impair the vitality of the tubers.

*Tolerance for Defects.*

Non-conformity to grade—5 lbs. per 112 lbs.

Frost—Nil.

Soft rot— $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. per 112 lbs.

Earth—1 lb. per 112 lbs.

Other defects—3 lbs. per 112 lbs. provided that the total defects other than non-conformity to grade do not exceed 3 lbs.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH.

### Imported Food.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937,  
 DATED 24TH MAY, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME  
 AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1937. No. 53.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health Act, 1878(a), the Public Health Act, 1896(b), the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907(c), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations, with the consent of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise so far as they apply to the officers of Customs and Excise, that is to say:—

#### PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1938.

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(a) 41 & 42 Vict., c. 52. (b) 59 & 60 Vict., c. 19. (c) 7 Edw. 7, c. 32.