STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS OF A GENERAL CHARACTER ISSUED IN 1952

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE GRADING AND MARKETING

Marketing of Fruit

Conditions of Marketing of Apples

Rules, dated the 18th February, 1952, made by the Ministry of Agriculture under Section Fifteen of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, (21 and 22 Geo. 5. c.28).

1952. No. 16

This Order has been revoked by S.R.O. 1952, No. 155 and is not printed at length in this Volume.

Rules, dated 26th April, 1952, made by the Ministry of Agriculture under Section Fifteen of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, (21 and 22 Geo. 5 C.28).

1952. No. 62

This Order has been revoked by S.R.O. 1952, No. 155 and is not printed at length in this Volume.

Rules, dated the 13th August, 1952, 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).

1952. No. 155

The Ministry of Agriculture 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, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Definitions

- 1. In these Rules:—
 - (1) the expression "Ministry" shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (2) the expression "prescribed" shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (3) the expression "authorised" shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Application

2. These Rules shall apply to apples only.

Licences

- 3.—(1) Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.
- (2) A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

Permits

- 4.—(1) Application for a permit may be made in the form or to the effect stated in the seventh Schedule to these Rules.
- (2) A Permit may be in the form or to the effect stated in the Eighth Schedule to these Rules.

Conditions to be observed by licence-holders or permit holders when consigning Apples from Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence or permit

- 5.—(1) A licence-holder shall maintain in Northern Ireland premises including storage and other facilities satisfactory to the Ministry for the handling and packing of apples.
 - (2) A licence-holder or permit-holder shall :-
 - (a) not send any apples out of Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man save under the authority of his own licence or permit the number of which shall be clearly marked on each container;
 - (b) be responsible for the standard of the contents of each container;
 - (c) furnish to the carrier or person conveying the apples a Return of Shipment to accompany the consignment in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules. Where such consignment is loaded in two or more vehicles, the licence-holder or permit-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each vehicle. Where such consignment, loaded in one vehicle, includes lots consigned to two or more consignees, the licence-holder or permit-holder shall furnish a separate Return of Shipment in respect of each such lot.
- (3) Graded apples sent by licence-holders or permit-holders from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man under the authority of a licence or permit shall be:—
 - (a) of the standards of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules, and
 - (b) in containers which are of the types specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules and which are packed and marked as laid down in that Schedule.

Consignment of Culinary Apples below "Domestic" standard

6. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Rules, culinary apples which fail to reach the requirements for "Domestic" Standard as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules but which are Seconds (as defined in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to these Rules) may be sent for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on and after 1st January, 1953, subject to the conditions that they shall be packed only in Box "Z" or in half-barrels (kegs), the specifications for the construction of which are given in the said schedule, and shall conform to the other requirements laid down in that Schedule.

Grade Designations

7. The designations Fancy ("F"), and Domestic ("Dom"), referred to in the Third Schedule to these Rules shall be the "grade designations" for the purposes of Section 10 of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and the standard as to quality laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules shall be the definition of quality referred to in that Act as "the statutory definition."

Small Consignments

8. The provisions of Part I of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, shall not apply to consignments of apples sent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man from Northern Ireland weighing not more than one and a half hundredweights.

Ungraded Fruit for Manufacture

9. Licence-holders or permit-holders may send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man subject to the conditions laid down in the Ninth Schedule to these Rules.

Containers for Apples sold or offered or exposed for sale within Northern Ireland to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him

10. On a sale or offer or exposure for sale of apples within Northern Ireland by any person to a retailer for the purpose of resale by him, such aforesaid person shall mark or cause to be marked on each package or container in which the apples are sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer, or on a label firmly attached to the package or container, in letters and figures not less than 1 inch high, the net weight of apples contained therein when so sold, offered or exposed for sale or delivered to the retailer.

Revocation

11. Rules specified in the Tenth Schedule to these Rules are hereby revoked;

Provided that the provisions of sub-section (2) of section thirty-eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply on such revocation in like manner as the said provisions apply on the repeal of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Authorised Officer

Commencement

12. These Rules shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of August, 1952.

Short Title

13. These Rules may be cited as the Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland), 1952.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 13th day of August, Nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in the presence of

(L.S)	W. H. Long,	
	Assistar	nt Secretary.
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THIRD SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931

STANDARDS OF GRADING AND QUALITY

FANCY (" F")

Grading

Quality

For apples of a shape and colour-characteristic of the variety. The diameter of any apple in this grade shall not be less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for culinary apples and not less than 2 inches for dessert apples.

Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and 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 ½ inch square on any one culinary apple or § inch square on any one dessert apple.

Domestic ("Dom")

Grading

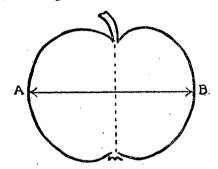
Quality

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

Apples shall be clean and in good condition, and 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 culinary apple, or $\frac{6}{4}$ inch square on any one dessert apple.

N.B.1- "Clean" means free from dirt, spray residue and other foreign material.

N.B.2— 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:—



The diameter of the apple in above sketch is the distance between the points A and B.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931

PART I

Packages and Packing Material for "Fancy" and "Domestic" Grades

- 1. Apples shall be packed in any of the following containers, specifications for the construction of which are given below:—
 - (1) British Standard apple box
 - (2) Box "Z"
 - (3) Carton (two types)
 - (4) Half-barrel (keg)

- 2. No packing materials may be used other than those specified in Part II of this Schedule.
- 3. All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

Specification for Containers

1. "B.S.A." Box

* These measurements must be actual, not nominal.

All timber must be clean, dry and free from bark wane and feather.

The internal dimensions must be adhered to precisely. In assembling the box the boards shall be fitted close together at the centre and spaces left along the edges of the box. For nailing the pieces together $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch cement-coated 1" gauge wire nails shall be used. The nails shall be inserted between $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 1 inch from the edges of the boards forming the sides, top and bottom of the box. Two nails are sufficient to fix the end of each board to the end of the box.

2. Box "Z"

Internal Dimensions 20" x 13½" x 10"

Two Sides $21\frac{1}{8}'' \times 10'' \times \frac{7}{18}''$ in two pieces. Bottom $21\frac{1}{8}'' \times 13\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{7}{18}''$ in three pieces. Four Posts $10\frac{3}{8}'' \times 2'' \times 2''$ diagonally cut.

Two Ends

13½" x 9" x ½" in three pieces. The space between any two boards must not exceed ½". In addition a further opening must be cut at an equal distance from each end at the top of each middle board ½" deep and approximately 3½" wide. Alternatively, 1" space may be left between the middle and top boards at each end provided that a smooth chamfer is made along the whole of the inside edge of each of the four boards (two at each end). The chamfer must leave a thickness at the edge of not more than ½" nor less than ½" and have a face not more than ½" nor less than ½". The space between the middle and bottom boards at each end must not exceed ½".

Lid

213 x 13½ x 13½ in three pieces with corners diagonally cut or alternatively a cardboard cover may be used.

Two Cleats for wooden lid

 $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{2}''$.

Two Battens on the

ends as hand grips 6" to $10'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{2}''$.

All the above measurements must be actual, not nominal.

All timber must be clean, dry and free from bark, wane and feather.

Timber which is not liable to split when nailed must be used in the corner posts, the lid, the cleats and in the top board in each end.

Fourteen gauge $1\frac{1}{2}$ cement-coated wire nails only must be used throughout, save for fixing battens.

3. Carton (two types)

Type (1) 18" x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ "

Internal dimensions Construction

Case to be a metal stitched case made from one sheet of double faced corrugated fibreboard, each face being .02" Kraft paper; inside flaps at top and bottom to meet and outside flaps to overlap. Two ventilation holes each ½ inch in diameter to be located 6 ins. apart in each end. The completed case must comply with Railway Clearing House specifications for fibreboard containers suitable for 60 lb. weight of goods.

Dividing Pieces

Two scored dividing pieces to separate the case into two equal compartments must be used, each piece being made of a double wall of double faced corrugated fibreboard with the inside face of .016" Kraft and the outside face of .014 Chipboard.

Fastening the Bottom

The outside bottom flaps of the case must be sealed before packing, sodium silicate being used as an adhesive.

Type (2)

Internal dimensions

. 18" x 121" x 101"

Construction

Case to be a metal stitched case made from one sheet of double faced corrugated fibreboard, outer facing .020 Kraft Liner, inner facing .016 Kraft Liner. Inside flaps to overlap. The completed case must comply with Railway Clearing House specifications for Fibreboard Containers suitable for 40 lb. weight of goods.

Dividing Pieces

Two scored dividing pieces to separate the case into two equal compartments must be used, each piece made of double faced corrugated fibreboard with both facings of .014 Chipboard.

Fastening the Bottom

The outside bottom flaps of the case must be sealed before packing, sodium silicate being used as an adhesive.

4. Half-barrel (Keg)

(a) Grape Barrel

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head			•••	141/
Minimum length between heads	•••	•••	`•••	$16\frac{1}{2}''$
Minimum diameter at bulge	•••	•••	• • •	16″

(b) Standard 112 lb. Butter Cask

Internal dimensions

Minimum diameter of head	•••	•••	•••	13₹″
Minimum length between heads	•••	•••		19½″
Minimum diameter at bulge	•••	•••	•••	15≩″

PART II

Packing

- 1. Only apples of one variety shall be packed in any one container.
- 2. Apples packed in any container shall be so packed that any fruit exposed to view, or which would be exposed to view if the container were opened in the ordinary manner, fairly represents in size, maturity and condition the entire contents of the container.

3. "B.S.A." Box

A sheet of corrugated cardboard 17½ inches by 11 inches shall be placed on the bottom of the box with the smooth side next the fruit. Two sheets of good quality lining paper, 17½ inches to 18 inches wide and not less than 23 inches or more than 32 inches long shall be placed in the box in such a way that they cover the bottom and sides of the box and extend sufficiently far above the mouth of the box to cover over the top of the fruit when the box has been filled. In the same way two sheets 11 inches wide and 18 inches long shall be used to cover the ends of the box. The apples shall be packed in the box by the method known to the trade as the "diagonal pack". When the box has been filled, the lining papers shall be folded over the top of the apples and a sheet of corrugated cardboard 17½ inches by 11 inches placed over the lining papers with the smooth side next the fruit. The lid should then be affixed by means of nails driven through the cleat at each end.

Box " Z "

A sheet of corrugated cardboard, of a quality not less than 30 lb. to the roll, shall be placed smooth side next the fruit below the bottom layer and at each end of the box and another sheet above the top layer of apples, and no substitute for corrugated cardboard shall be used.

(b) A wood wool or excelsior pad not exceeding one inch in thickness may be placed under the apples in addition to the sheet of corrugated cardboard. Where a cardboard lid is used the sheet of corrugated cardboard above the top layer of apples may be dispensed with. The sides of the box may be

lined with plain paper, if so desired.

The apples shall be firmly packed in the box and there shall be sufficient bulge on the top of the box to ensure that when the wooden lid is nailed down the apples are held firmly in position. This lid must be nailed through the cleat at each end of the box and be further secured by wire round the box at each end. Where a cardboard lid is used, it must be secured by means of at least two staples at each end and at each side of the

Carton (two types)

(a) Only apples of Fancy ("F") or Domestic ("Dom") standards may be packed in these containers.

No additional packing material is permitted.

(c) The apples shall be firmly packed in the two compartments so that when the two flaps constituting the lid are secured the fruit is held firmly in

position,
(d) The outside top flaps must be folded over, not sealed, and be secured by means of two wires or two bands, one at each end of the carton. Each wire or band shall be not less than 2 inches or more than 4 inches from the end of the carton.

6. Half-barrel (Keg)

The apples shall be packed firmly in the barrel. No other packing save a single disc of corrugated cardboard, smooth side to the fruit, or a sheet of paper shall be placed below the bottom layer. When the barrel has been filled up to at least six inches of the top the inside shall be lined with paper which shall be folded over the rim of the barrel. When the barrel has been filled the overlapping paper shall be used to cover the top of the apples. A layer of wood-wool of sufficient thickness shall be placed on top of this paper to ensure that the cover with which the apples in the barrel shall be secured shall not damage the apples. Alternatively, clean, dry hay or straw or other material that will not taint the fruit may be used.

PART III

Marking

1. Each "B.S.A." box shall have a stick-on label approximately 11 inches by 10 inches affixed to one end clearly printed, with letters and figures ½ inch high with :-

(a) the number of licence or permit held by the consignor

(b) the variety

(c) the description "F" or "Dom"

- (d) the net weight of apples in lbs. or the actual number of apples.
- 2. Each "Z" box, when covered with a cardboard lid, shall be clearly printed or stamped on the lid with letters or figures 1 inch high with :-
 - (a) the number of licence or permit held by the consignor

the variety

(c) the description "F" or "Dom"

(d) the letters "AZ" if the box contains not less than 50 lbs. net weight nor more than 54 lbs. net weight of apples or the letters "BZ" if the box contains not less than 46 lbs. net weight nor more than 50 lbs. net weight of apples. If the box contains less than 46 lbs. net weight then the net weight of the apples shall be clearly printed or stamped on the lid. In the case of the "Z" box when covered with a wooden lid, the same particulars in letters and figures \(\frac{1}{2} \) inch high shall be clearly printed or stamped on a label (approximately 6 inches by 4 inches) securely affixed to one end of the box.

- 3. Each Carton shall be clearly printed or stamped on the two ends in letters and figures ½ inch high with:—
 - (a) the number of the licence or permit held by the consignor
 - (b) the variety
 - (c) the description "F" or "Dom"
 - (d) the net weight of apples
- 4. Each Half-barrel (Keg) shall have a label securely affixed to the side clearly printed or stamped in letters and figures ½ inch high with:—
 - (a) the number of licence or permit held by the consignor
 - (b) the variety
 - (c) the description "F" or "Dom"
 - (d) the net weight of apples

FIFTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931

PART I

Definition of "Seconds" in the case of Culinary Apples

Apples referred to in Article 6 of these Rules as "Seconds" shall be regarded as apples which are not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, are free from decay, are in sound marketable condition, do not have skin blemishes exceeding a total area of 2 square inches on any one apple, or any cracks greater in depth than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

PART II

Packages and Packing Material

- 1. Seconds shall be packed only in box "Z" or in half-barrels (kegs), the specifications for the construction of which are given in the Fourth Schedule.
- 2. No packing materials may be used other than those specified in Part II of the Fourth Schedule.
- 3. All packages and packing materials shall be clean and free from odours likely to affect the flavour of the apples.

PART III

Packing and Marking

The packing and marking shall be as laid down in Part II and Part III of the Fourth Schedule for box " Z" and for half-barrels (kegs) respectively.

PART IV

Tolerances

Each box or half-barrel (keg) in which "Seconds" are packed may contain :--

- (a) not more than 5 per cent. by count of apples which are less than 2½ inches in diameter, and
- (b) not more than 5 per cent. by count below the quality requirements for "Seconds".

SIXTH SCHEDULE

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Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland) 1931

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EIGHTH SCHEDULE

M.F.4

Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland) 1931

Permit No...

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or the	by granted permission to send apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain Isle of Man. The conditions of this Permit are that each consignment of the thereunder shall:—
	(1) consist only of apples grown by the above-mentioned person;
	(2) be graded, of the standards of quality, packed, marked and accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed for permit-holders in Article 5 (2) (c) of the Rules made under the above-mentioned Act.
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NINTH SCHEDULE

MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1931

Shipment of Ungraded Fruit

Licence-holders or permit holders may send ungraded apples from Northern Ireland to Great Britain or the Isle of Man on the following conditions:—

- (1) that the apples are in marketable condition;
- (2) that the apples are packed in bags or such other containers as may be approved by the Ministry;
- (3) that where bags are used the weight of apples in each bag shall not exceed
- (4) that each bag is clearly and indelibly labelled and each other container clearly and indelibly marked with the words "Ungraded apples for manufacture";
- (5) that the fruit is consigned direct to a manufacturing concern;
- (6) that the number of licence or permit is clearly shown on each container in the consignment;
- (7) that each consignment is accompanied by a Return or Returns of Shipment as prescribed in Article 5 (2) (c) of the Rules made under the abovementioned Act:
- (8) that where apples are packed in containers other than bags the consignment note must be produced on request by an authorised officer.

TENTH SCHEDULE

Rules Revoked

The Marketing of Fruit Rules (Northern Ireland) 1951 (S. R. and O. of Northern Ireland, No. 168).

The Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1952 (S. R. and O. of Northern Ireland No. 16).

The Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1952 (S. R. and O of Northern Ireland No. 62).

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Artificial Insemination of Cattle

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JANUARY, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

1952. No. 13

The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations by way of amendment of the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, (a) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations") and the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 (b):—

- 1. For Article 12 of the Principal Regulations, as amended by the said Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951, there shall be substituted the following new Regulation:—
 - "12. Where an insemination service is provided at a Centre established and operated by the Ministry, the charges therefor shall be as follows:—
 - (a) In respect of a non-pedigree cow ... 1 5 0
 - (b) In respect of a pedigree cow ... 3 0 0
 - (c) Where the semen to be used has been purchased by the Ministry, such sum not exceeding £10 as the Ministry, having regard to the cost of the semen, shall decide to be just and reasonable, provided that the owner of the cow shall, before the insemination with such semen takes place, be informed of the amount which will be charged.

The fee shall include two re-inseminations if these should be necessary provided that where, under (c) above, the charge exceeds £3 the fee shall include any number of re-inseminations.

⁽a) S. R. & O., 1948, No. 181. (b) S. R. & O., 1951, No. 3.