

No. 174.

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE EXPORT REGULATIONS,
1953 TO 1954.

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 14 (b).

In exercise of the powers vested in me by regulation 14 (b) of the Agricultural Produce Export Regulations, 1953 to 1954, I, the Director of Agriculture, do hereby direct as follows :—

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PART I.—POTATOES.

1.—(1) Potatoes graded as “New Potatoes” (known as “scrapers”) intended for export to any destination shall be packed in either wooden cases having a standard net weight of 72 lb. or in new baskets of a standard gross weight of 56 lb. or 25 kilos.

(2).—(i) “New Potatoes” packed in wooden cases shall be protected with moist peat moss.

(ii) The cases shall—

(a) be constructed of wood which has been dried to a maximum moisture content of 15 per cent by weight ;

(b) be constructed of timber of the following thickness :

Ends	16 mm.
Top, bottom and side staves	7 mm. ;

(c) be of the following dimensions :—

Internal height	18 cm.
Internal width	40 cm.
External length	74 cm. ;

(d) be lined with paper in such a manner as to protect the contents to the satisfaction of the Produce Inspector.

(3) “New Potatoes” packed in baskets shall be protected with wood wool at the top and bottom of the baskets, which shall be lined with paper to the satisfaction of the Produce Inspector. The baskets shall be of a standard shape and size and made in such a way that six strengthening wires projecting at the top are incorporated in their structure. They shall have the following dimensions :—

Internal height	16 inches.
„ diameter at top	15 „
„ diameter at bottom	10 „

2.—(1) Potatoes graded as “Selected”, which are intended for export to countries other than the Mediterranean countries, Port Sudan or Aden, may be packed—

(i) in new hessian bags, the contents of which must be of a standard gross weight of 56 lb. or 25 kilos ; or

(ii) in wooden crates of any dimension, approved by the Produce Inspector ; or

(iii) in paperlined new baskets, the contents of which must be of a standard gross weight of 56 lb. or 25 kilos. The baskets shall be of the same size and construction as those specified in paragraph 1 (3) above for “New Potatoes”.

(2) Potatoes graded as “Selected” which are intended for export to Mediterranean countries, Port Sudan or Aden, may be packed—

(i) in new hessian bags of a standard gross weight of 112 lb. or 50 kilos ;

(ii) in wooden crates of any dimension approved by the Produce Inspector ; or

(iii) in paperlined new baskets of a standard gross weight of 112 lb. or 50 kilos.

The baskets shall be of a standard shape and size and made in such a way so that six strengthening wires projecting at the top are incorporated in their structure. The baskets shall have the following dimensions :—

Internal height	.. .. .	21 inches.
Internal diameter at top	.. .. .	18 inches
Internal diameter at bottom	.. .. .	12 inches.

3. The gross weight of potatoes packed in bags or baskets shall be marked on the containers in letters not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height. In the same manner, potatoes packed in wooden cases or crates shall have their containers marked with the net weight of their contents.

4. Potatoes graded as "Selected" or "New Potatoes" and separated into the size "Medium" shall be classified as "Medium No. 1" and "Medium No. 2" as described below. Their container shall be marked accordingly in letters 1" in height.

(i) "Medium No. 1" size potatoes are those which pass through a sieve with a mesh of $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches square but which do not pass through a sieve with a mesh of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches square.

(ii) "Medium No. 2" size potatoes are those which pass through a sieve with a mesh of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square but which do not pass through a sieve with a mesh of 2 inches square.

5.—(1) All potatoes not separated into the sizes "Large" "Medium" or "Small" and graded as "Selected" or "New Potatoes" and intended for export to any country shall have their containers marked with the words "Mixed Size" in letters not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height.

(2) All potatoes graded as "Selected" or "New Potatoes" and described as of being of "Mixed Size" shall contain not less than 15 per cent by weight "Small", 15 per cent by weight "Medium No. 1 and 2", and 10 per cent by weight "Large" tubers.

PART II.—ONIONS.

6.—(1) Onions and onion sets intended for export to ports other than the Mediterranean ports, Aden and Port Sudan, shall be packed in one of the following manners :—

(a) in well ventilated cases or crates of well dried wood, the construction and dimensions of which shall be approved by the Produce Inspector; or

(b) in new open mesh bags of a standard gross weight of 56 lb. or 25 kilos.

(2) Onions intended for export to Mediterranean ports, Aden and Port Sudan may be packed in one of the following manners :—

(a) in well ventilated cases or crates of well dried wood the construction and dimensions of which shall be approved by the Produce Inspector; or

(b) in new open mesh bags of a standard gross weight of 112 lb. or 50 kilos.

(3) The gross weight of onions packed in bags shall be marked on the containers in letters not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height. In the same manner onions packed in wooden cases or crates shall have their containers marked with the net weight of their contents.

7. Onions intended for export to ports other than the Mediterranean ports, Aden and Port Sudan shall be of the grade "Selected" or "Picklers" as prescribed in Part IV of the Fourth Appendix of the Agricultural Produce Export Regulations, 1953 to 1954.

8. Onions which are graded as "Selected" need not be separated into the three sizes "Large", "Medium" or "Small". The containers of such onions shall be marked with the words "MIXED SIZE" in letters not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height.

9.—(1) Onions graded as picklers and intended for export to any country shall be classified as "Picklers No. 1" or "Picklers No. 2" as described herebelow. Their containers shall be marked accordingly in letters of 1 inch in height.

(2)—(i) "Picklers No. 1" shall consist of onions of a size not exceeding $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, or less than $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter.

(ii) "Picklers No. 2" shall consist of onions of a size not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or less than 1 inch in diameter.

PART III.—CITRUS FRUIT.

10. Citrus fruit intended for export to any market outside Cyprus shall be packed in new cases made of clean wood which has been adequately dried to a maximum moisture content of 15 per cent.

11. The cases shall be constructed of wood of the following thickness :—

End and centre partitions	..	..	..	16 mm.
Top and bottom staves	..	..	..	7 mm.
Side staves	..	..	..	8 mm.

12. Oval (Jaffa type), Valencia, Round and Bitter oranges, Grapefruit and Sour Lemons shall be packed in cases of the following dimensions :—

(i) "Standard" having an internal height of 27 cm., 28 cm. or 29 cm., an internal width of 34 cm. and an external length of 68 cm.

(ii) "Large" having an internal height of 30 cm., an internal width of 37 cm. and an external length of 74 cm..

The "Large" case shall be constructed of imported wood and shall be marked with the word "Large" in letters not less than 2" in height.

13. The following counts shall be observed :—

(i)—(a) Oval (Jaffa type) oranges with a circumference of 19 cm. to 25 cm. shall be packed in "Standard" cases with counts of 120, 150, 180, 210 and 240.

All counts except that of 120 shall be packed in five layers.

(b) Oval (Jaffa type) oranges with a circumference of over 25 cm. shall be packed in the "Large" case with counts of 120 and 150.

(ii)—(a) Valencia, Round and Bitter oranges with a circumference of 18.5 cm. to 25 cm. shall be packed in "Standard" cases with counts of 120, 150, 180, 210, 240 and 270.

All counts except that of 120 shall be packed in five layers.

(b) Valencia, Round and Bitter oranges with a circumference of over 25 cm. may be packed in the "Large" case with the count of 120.

(iii) Grapefruit with a circumference of over 24 cm. shall be packed in four layers, in the "Standard" case with counts of 64, 80, 96, 112, 128 and 140.

Large sized grapefruit of over 36 cm. circumference may be packed in four layers, in the "Large" case with count of 64.

(iv) Sour Lemons with a circumference of 16 cm. and over shall be packed in the "Standard" case, in five layers, with counts of 150, 180, 210, 240, 270, and 300. Counts of 336 may be observed if packed in six layers.

14. Sour lemons may be packed in a case having an internal height of 26, 27, 28 or 29 cm., and an internal width of 28 cm. and an external length of 68 cm. with the counts of 150, 180, 210, 216, 252, 288 and 324. Counts of 150, 180 and 210 shall be packed in five layers. Counts of 216, 252, 288 and 324, shall be packed in six layers.