

No. 422. THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (EXPORT)  
REGULATIONS, 1956 AND 1958.

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 20 (b).

*Packing Specifications for Perishables.*

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In exercise of the powers vested in me by Regulation 20 (b) of the Agricultural Produce (Export) Regulations, 1956 and 1958, I, the Director of Commerce and Industry, do hereby direct as follows :—

PART I.—CITRUS FRUIT.

1. Citrus fruit of any type intended for export to any destination shall not be packed except in one of the following manners :—

(i) In new wooden cases conforming with the provisions of Regulations 5 and 40 of the Regulations, made of wood of the following thicknesses :—

(a) If made of pinewood :—

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

(b) If made of beechwood :—

End and centre partitions	..	..	..	..	15 mm.
Top, bottom and side staves	..	..	..	..	4 mm.

(ii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

2. Oval Oranges shall be packed :—

(i) In "Large" cases, having an internal height of 30 cm., an internal width of 37 cm. and an external length of 74 cm., or

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

(iii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

3. Valencia Oranges, Round Oranges, Bitter Oranges and Grape-fruit shall be packed—

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

(ii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

4. Oval Oranges having a circumference of 19 cm. to 28 cm. shall be packed—

(i) In "Large" cases with counts of 120, 150, 180, 210, 240 or 294. Count 120 shall be packed in four layers ; counts 150, 180, 210 and 240 shall be packed in five layers ; count 294 shall be packed in six layers.

(ii) In "Standard" cases with counts of 100, 120, 150, 180, 210 or 240. Counts 100 and 120 shall be packed in four layers ; all other counts shall be packed in five layers ;

5. Valencia Oranges, Round Oranges and Bitter Oranges having a circumference of 18.5 to 25 cm. shall be packed in "Standard" cases with counts of 100, 120, 150, 180, 210, 240 or 270. Counts 100 and 120 shall be packed in four layers ; all other counts shall be packed in five layers ;

6. Grapefruit having a circumference of 24 cm. and over shall be packed in "Standard" cases with counts of 64, 80, 96, 112, 128 or 140 packed in four layers.

7. Sour Lemons shall be packed—

(i)—(a) In "Standard" cases as prescribed in paragraph 2 above ; or

(b) In "Half Standard" cases having an internal height of 15, 16, 17 or 18 cm. ; an internal width of 34 cm. and an external length of 68 cm.; or

(ii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

8. Sour Lemons shall be packed with the following counts :—

- (i) In "Standard" cases with counts of 150, 180, 210, 240, 270, 300 and 336. Count 336 shall be packed in six layers ; all other counts shall be packed in five layers ; or
- (ii) In "Half-Standard" cases with counts of 90, 108, 126, 144, 162, 180, and 224. Count 224 shall be packed in four layers in cases not less than 17 cm. in height ; all other counts shall be packed in three layers.

9. Clementines and Mandarines shall be packed—

- (i) In cases of the following dimensions :—

Internal height	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	cm.
Internal width	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	cm.
External length	..	..	..	..	..	..	62½	cm.

- (ii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

#### PART II.—GRAPES.

10. Grapes intended for export to any destination shall be packed in one of the following manners :—

- (i) In new trays conforming with the provisions of Regulations 5 and 47 of the Regulations and also with the following specifications :—

(a) The trays shall be made of 14 pieces of timber.

(b) The trays shall be of the following dimensions :—

Internal height of ends	..	..	..	..	..	8	cm.
Internal width	..	..	..	..	..	34	cm.
External length	..	..	..	..	..	50	cm.

(c) The trays shall be of wood of the following thicknesses :—

Ends	..	..	..	..	..	9	mm.
Side staves	..	..	..	..	..	6	mm.
Bottom staves	..	..	..	..	..	5	mm.

(d) The trays shall at each side be made of one single piece of timber ; the bottom of the tray shall be constructed of four pieces of timber. At either side of the bottom of the trays there shall be one cleat. In the internal corners of the tray there shall be triangular pieces of timber which shall protrude in such a way so as to fit the space left at the end of the bottom cleats.

- (ii) In cases conforming with the provisions of Regulations 5 and 47 of the Regulations and with the following specifications :—

(a) The cases shall have the following dimensions :—

Internal height	..	..	..	..	..	14	cm.
Internal width	..	..	..	..	..	30	cm.
External length	..	..	..	..	..	46	cm.

(b) The cases shall be made of wood of the following minimum thicknesses :—

End pieces	..	..	..	..	..	14	mm.
Top, bottom and side staves	..	..	..	..	..	5	mm.

(c) The cases shall have two timber bars fixed on top of the lid to the satisfaction of the inspector :

Provided that sultana grapes shall not be exported in cases ;

- (iii) In cartons of specifications and dimensions approved by the Director.

#### PART III.—MELONS.

11. Water Melons intended for export to any destination shall be packed in one of the following manners :—

- (i) In new trays conforming with the provisions of Regulations 5 and 47 of the Regulations and also with the following specifications :—

(a) The trays shall be made of wood of the following thicknesses :

Ends	..	..	..	..	..	12	mm.
Bottom and sides	..	..	..	..	..	6	mm.