

CHAPTER 161

THE EXPORTATION OF FRUIT ACT

THE EXPORTATION OF FRUIT REGULATIONS

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THE EXPORTATION OF FRUIT REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER
SECTION 11 OF THE EXPORTATION OF FRUIT ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. These Regulations may be cited as the Exportation of Fruit Regulations.

2. CONDITION OF FRUIT. All fruit intended for export shall be of the degree of maturity required by the trade and shall be undamaged and free from dirt, decay, disease, bruising or any other defect which in the opinion of the Fruit Inspector, renders it unfit for export.

3. GRADES. All fruit for export shall be graded for quality according to the standards defined below—

TOMATOES

The following shall be the grades for tomatoes—

No. 1 Grade

No. 1 Grade shall consist of tomatoes which are—

(a) sound, clean, reasonably smooth, well formed, of similar varietal characteristics and of uniform state of maturity;

(b) free from disease, scald, ground spots, stem ends and worm holes, growth cracks and other scars which are likely to cause leaking or materially affect their appearance;

(c) free from excessive damage caused by blossom end, plant or stem rub and insect injury;

(d) properly packed, and

(e) of a minimum size of 2 inches in diameter.

No. 2 Grade

No. 2 Grade shall consist of tomatoes which are—

(a) sound, clean, of similar varietal characteristics and of uniform state of maturity;

(b) free from disease, scald, ground spot, stem ends and worm holes, growth cracks and other scars which are likely to cause leaking or materially affect their appearance;

(c) free from excessive damage caused by blossom end, plant or stem rub and insect injury;

(d) properly packed, and

(e) of a minimum size of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter.

OTHER FRUITS

The following shall be the grades for other fruits—

(a) Choice

“Choice” shall consist only of first class fruits of similar varietal characteristics, particularly as regards colour and shape. The fruits must be firm and free from all discoloration and insect or fungus damage.

(b) Standard

“Standard” shall consist only of fruits which, whilst conforming to the general requirements, are not up to the specification required of “Choice”.

4. WRAPPING. All tomatoes and limes intended for export to the United Kingdom, Canada or Bermuda shall be tightly wrapped in wrapping paper approved by the Chief Fruit Inspector.

Limes intended for export to the United States of America shall be wrapped in approved wrapping paper or straw paper.

5. STANDARD CONTAINERS. Containers shall be standard, approved by the Chief Inspector and conform to the following requirements—

(a) For the export of onions, a standard onion crate the inside dimensions of which are 15 inches by 12 inches by 12 inches.

(b) For the export of tomatoes, a standard tomato lug the inside dimensions of which are 16 inches by 16 inches by 4 inches.

(c) For the export of carrots, a standard vegetable crate the inside dimensions of which are 15 inches by 12 inches by 12 inches.

(d) For the export of pumpkins, barrels, casks or tierces of 5 or 8 cubic feet capacity.

(e) For the export of pineapples, a standard pineapple crate the inside dimensions of which are $33\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 12 inches by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or a standard barrel of 5 cubic feet capacity.

(f) For the export of limes, a standard barrel of 5 cubic feet capacity or a standard tomato lug.

6. PACKING. Fruit for export shall be tightly packed to the satisfaction of the Chief Fruit Inspector.

7. LABELS. A label of a design approved by the Chief Fruit Inspector shall be affixed to crates containing tomatoes and limes intended for export to the United Kingdom, Canada or Bermuda.

8. MARKING AND STENCILLING. (1) All containers intended for export must be clearly marked with the following particulars—

- (a) Shipping marks.
- (b) Nature of fruit.
- (c) Country of origin.
- (d) Number or weight of fruit.
- (e) Quality grade of fruit.
- (f) Count or size of fruit.

(2) Such marks shall be made legibly either by stencilling or stamping in plain letters.

9. SPECIAL TRADE REQUIREMENTS. To meet the requirements of any special trade or demand it shall be competent for the Chief Fruit Inspector to permit, subject to such terms and conditions as he shall see fit—

- (a) the exportation of fruit unwrapped;
- (b) the use of packages other than those of standard dimension; and
- (c) the preparation for export and the shipment of fruit in any particular manner prescribed by the Director of Agriculture.

10. LICENSED PACKING HOUSES TO BE CLEAN. The owner, occupier or person in charge of any licensed packing house shall keep such premises in a clean condition to the satisfaction of the Chief Fruit Inspector.

11. MARKETING DEPOT. In addition to such other duties as may be imposed on him by any law, rule, or administrative order it shall be the duty of the Officer in charge of the Government Depot to receive and market fruit submitted to him for shipment, provided that he considers the market conditions justify shipment.

12. CONTRACTS. It shall be lawful for the Officer in charge of the Government Depot to make contracts for the transport of packing materials and the shipping of fruit.

13. EXEMPTION. No liability shall attach to the Government or any officer or servant of the Government for any loss or damage to any fruit at the Government Depot unless such loss or damage was due to negligence on the part of an officer or servant of the Government.

14. DELIVERY OF FRUIT. The days and times for delivering fruit at the Government Depot shall be fixed by the Officer in charge.

15. TRANSPORT OF FRUIT INTENDED FOR EXPORT. Fruit intended for export must not be conveyed in bags, but must be placed for transport in boxes, or baskets properly lined to prevent bruising.

16. CRATE MATERIAL. All materials supplied by the Government Depot must be paid for prior to delivery, except when fruit is marketed by the Government Depot, when such expenses shall be recovered on receipt of account sales. No material shall be issued on loan by the Government Depot.

17. FEES FOR EXAMINATION. Examination fees at the following rates shall be collected—

- (a) on all fruit shipped in standard onion crate, one cent per crate;
- (b) on all fruit shipped in the standard tomato lug, one cent per lug;
- (c) on all fruit shipped in the standard vegetable crate, one cent per crate;
- (d) on all fruit shipped in the standard pineapple crate, one cent per crate;
- (e) on all fruit shipped in the standard 5 or 8 cubic feet cask or tierce, six cents per barrel, cask or tierce.

18. CESS. A cess will be charged on all fruit packed and shipped by the Government Depôt at the following rates—

	20 lb tomato crates	Vegetable or bushel crates
(a) Fruit packed and shipped	1 cent	2 cents
(b) Fruit shipped but not packed	$\frac{1}{8}$ cent	1 cent
(c) Fruit packed but not shipped	$\frac{1}{8}$ cent	1 cent

19. PACKING HOUSE CHARGE. A packing house charge at the rate of 15% of the cost of the labour employed will be charged in respect of all fruit packed by the Government Depôt.

20. ACCOUNTS. (1) Immediately on receipt of account sales for fruit shipped through the Government Depôt, adjustment shall be made with the person for whom the fruit was shipped, after deducting all expenses incurred thereon.

(2) In all cases where there has been a loss on the shipment of fruit through the Government Depôt such loss shall be borne by the person for whom the fruit was shipped, and in default of payment such sum may be sued for in a Court of competent jurisdiction and recovered with costs of suit as a debt due to the Accountant General.

21. FORFEITURE OF REJECTED FRUIT. Rejected fruit not removed from the Government-Depôt within 24 hours of delivery of verbal or written notice from the Chief Fruit Inspector will be forfeited and destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

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PROCLAMATION DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1939, APPLYING THE
EXPORTATION OF FRUIT ACT TO TOMATOES

In exercise of the powers contained in section 2 of the Exportation of Fruit Act, and with the advice of the Cabinet, it is hereby ordered and proclaimed that the said Exportation of Fruit Act shall apply to tomatoes.
