Marketing of Fruit.

Conditions of Marketing of Apples.

RULES, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE MARKETING OF FRUIT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931. (21 AND 22 GEO. V. C. 8).

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The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 15 of the Marketing of Fruit Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules amending further the Marketing of Fruit (Consolidation) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1938, (hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Rules "), as amended by the Marketing of Fruit (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1941.

1.—The following Article shall be inserted immediately after Article 6 of the principal Rules.

Shipment of Apples below " C " Standard.

(7) Notwithstanding any provisions of these Rules, apples which fail to reach the requirements in respect of either size or quality or both size and quality of Standard " C " as specified in the Third Schedule to the principal Rules may be shipped for the fresh fruit market to Great Britain or the Isle of Man, subject to the under-mentioned conditions. Such apples shall be divided into two classes known respectively as " smalls " and " culls." " Smalls " shall be regarded as apples of the same variety which are less than 2 inches in diameter and " culls " as apples of the same variety which are not less than 2 inches in diameter.

(1) Consignments shall be packed only in a box " Y " for the construction of which the following is the specification :—

Internal dimensions, 30 in. x 14 in. x 13 in.
Ends, 2 pieces, 14 in. x 13 in. x $\frac{1}{2}$ in.*
Battens for Ends, 4 pieces, 13 in. x $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Sides, 4 pieces, 32 in. x $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $\frac{3}{8}$ in.*
Tops and Bottoms, 4 pieces, 31 in. x 7 in. x $\frac{1}{4}$ in.*
Cleats, 4 pieces, 14 in. x $\frac{3}{4}$ in. x $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ in. cement-coated 14 gauge wire nails only to be used, save for fixing battens.

* These measurements must be actual, not nominal.