

POTATOES, MARKETING OF.

Rules.

THE MARKETING OF POTATOES RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND),
1937, DATED EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1937.

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The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers for this purpose vested in it by the Marketing of Potatoes Acts (Northern Ireland), 1928 and 1934, and of every other power in that behalf enabling it, hereby makes the Rules following, that is to say :—

I. *Short Title.*

These Rules shall be known as “ The Marketing of Potatoes Rules (Northern Ireland), 1937.”

II. *Definitions.*

In these Rules unless the context shall require a different construction :—

- (1) The expression “ Ministry ” shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.
- (2) The expression “ prescribed ” shall mean prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.
- (3) “ Authorised ” shall mean authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

III. *Licences.*

Application for a licence shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the First Schedule to these Rules.

A licence shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Second Schedule to these Rules.

IV. *Payments on account of Inspection Fees.*

A sum of £15 in addition to the licence fee shall be forwarded to the Ministry with the form of application for a licence, and shall be placed by the Ministry to the credit of the person paying the sum as a payment on account of the fees payable by that person under Section 3 (3) of the Marketing of Potatoes Act

(Northern Ireland), 1928, for the period in respect of which the licence is granted.

V. *Conditions to be observed by Persons granted Licences.*

(1) Potatoes sent by Licence-holders from Northern Ireland under the authority of a Licence shall be graded, packed and of a standard of quality as laid down in the Third Schedule to these Rules and shall be accompanied by a Certificate in the form or to the effect stated in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

(2) The fee for inspection of a consignment of potatoes shall be at the rate of 6d. per ton of potatoes in the consignment and such fees shall be paid at such time as the Ministry may appoint.

(3) Each bag or other receptacle containing potatoes consigned from Northern Ireland under the authority of a licence must bear a label indicating the name of the person on whose premises the potatoes were bagged. This provision, however, shall not apply in the case of potatoes bagged at and consigned from any store of any licensed potato merchant.

(4) Potatoes which have been examined and certified as complying with these Rules shall not be included in a consignment with potatoes which have not been so examined and certified and for the enforcement of this provision consignment notes shall, on demand, be presented to the Ministry's Inspector for examination.

(5) A licence-holder shall—

- (a) not consign potatoes to Great Britain for sale on commission in Great Britain provided that this provision shall not apply to seed potatoes ;
- (b) maintain in Northern Ireland storage and other facilities satisfactory to the Ministry for the handling and inspection of potatoes ;
- (c) not ship potatoes to Great Britain or the Isle of Man at prices less than the minimum prices determined for this purpose by the North of Ireland Potato Marketing Association and in operation at the time of such sale ;
- (d) comply with all instructions issued by the North of Ireland Potato Marketing Association and deemed by the Ministry to be reasonable ;
- (e) notify the Ministry in writing of the names and addresses of any agents employed by him in Northern Ireland and in Great Britain ;

- (f) submit to the Ministry, so as to reach the Ministry each Tuesday, a weekly statement, in a form satisfactory to the Ministry, of potatoes shipped by him under the authority of the licence up to and including the previous Saturday ;
- (g) comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts and of the Rules made thereunder and with such Rules and directions as the Ministry may from time to time issue.

VI. *Inspection of Potatoes consigned to the Irish Free State.*

The provisions of the Marketing of Potatoes Acts (Northern Ireland), 1928 and 1934, shall apply to potatoes consigned to the Irish Free State from the following centres in Northern Ireland :—

(a) Ports :—

1. Londonderry,
2. Coleraine.
3. Belfast.

(b) Railway Stations :—

(i) *Great Northern Railway—*

1. Leitrim, Ballyward, Ballyronev.
2. Katesbridge.
3. Stewartstown.
4. Coalisland.
5. Trew and Moy.
6. All stations between Trew and Moy and Strabane inclusive, except Pomeroy, Carrickmore, Sixmilecross and Beragh.
7. Londonderry.

(ii) *Castleberg and Victoria Bridge Tramway—*

All Stations on the Castleberg and Victoria Bridge Tramway. Inspection to be carried out at Victoria Bridge.

(iii) *County Donegal Railways—*

All Goods Stations on the County Donegal Railways between Londonderry and Strabane. Inspection to be carried out either at Strabane or Londonderry.

(iv) *London, Midland and Scottish (N.C.C.) Railway—*

1. Londonderry.
2. Carrichue.
3. Ballykelly.
4. Limavady Junction.
5. Limavady.
6. Coleraine.
7. Ballymoney.
8. Dunloy.

9. Killagan.
10. Glarryford.
11. Cullybackey.
12. Ballymena.
13. Upperlands.
14. Kilrea.
15. Garvagh.
16. Aghadowey.
17. Dungiven.
18. Drumsurn and Derryork for inspection in transit at Limavady.
19. Culmore and Eglinton for inspection in transit at Londonderry.
20. Bellarena, Magilligan and Castlerock for inspection in transit either at Londonderry or Coleraine.
21. All stations on the Ballymena and Cushendall Branch for inspection in transit at Ballymena.

VII. *Permits.*

(1) Application for a permit shall be made in the form or to the effect stated in the Fifth Schedule to these Rules.

(2) A permit shall be in the form or to the effect stated in the Sixth Schedule to these Rules.

(3) Where, for the purpose of the issue of a permit, an inspection of a consignment of potatoes is necessary the charge for such inspection shall be at the rate of 6d. per ton of potatoes in the consignment, provided that there shall be a minimum fee of 6d. and such fees shall be payable on demand by the Ministry or by an authorised officer.

(4) Permits may be given by the Ministry for the sending from Northern Ireland to Great Britain, the Irish Free State, or the Isle of Man of consignments of potatoes coming within the following categories :—

- (a) lots grown by the consignors ;
- (b) lots sent for experimental, demonstration, propaganda, advertisement or similar purposes ;
- (c) lots of less than one ton.

VIII. *Grading, Packing and Quality of Potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in the County Borough of Belfast.*

Potatoes sold or offered or exposed for sale in the County Borough of Belfast shall be of the standards of grading, packing, and quality laid down in the Seventh Schedule to these Rules.

IX. *Revocation of Previous Rules.*

The following Rules are hereby revoked from and after the date of commencement of these Rules :—