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Commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –

Short title.

CITRUS FRUIT REGULATIONS.

2. (1) Citrus fruit intended for export shall, at no time during gathering, come into contact with the ground nor be exposed to sun or rain nor stored with any surface moisture thereon, but shall be placed directly into picking bags or boxes or heaped on properly padded surfaces, such padding to be sufficient and to be of such a nature as to prevent injury to the fruit.

Gathering of fruit.

(2) No such fruit shall be placed into picking bags or boxes or heaped on padded surfaces except they have been properly stem-cut with approved clippers.

(3) In order to meet the requirements of any particular trade or of any special demand, the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative may permit citrus fruit to be prepared for export in any manner to meet such requirements or demand.

3. (1) Any exporter of citrus fruit intending to pack the fruit for export shall give reasonable notice in writing of such intention to the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative, subject to any change in movement of ships or transport difficulties.

Notice of intention to pack for export.

(2) On receipt of the notice, the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative shall, after consultation with the exporter, appoint to the exporter an hour and date approximately, when the fruit can be received, provided that in the event of the occurrence of unforeseen circumstances, the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative shall co-operate and do all in his power to assist with the delivery arrangements.

Protection of
fruit.

4. (1) Citrus fruit intended for export as fresh fruit being conveyed in vehicles shall be placed in boxes having smooth inside surfaces or properly padded baskets of rigid construction which shall not be more than thirteen inches deep and shall be so packed within the vehicle as to prevent injury to the fruit.

(2) No person shall –

- (a) stand, sit or lie upon citrus fruit or upon boxes containing such fruit;
- (b) place any article upon the fruit or upon the boxes; or
- (c) transport or carry any person or article upon boxes containing such fruit.

Produce subject
to inspection.

5. (1) Citrus fruit intended for export shall, prior to being packed, be inspected and approved by the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative. The inspection shall include examination of containers and supervision of the packing of the fruit. No citrus fruit shall be packed for export save after such inspection and approval.

(2) If the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative is satisfied that the citrus fruit is fit for export after the packing is complete, he shall issue a certificate to that effect in the Form in the Schedule.

Schedule.

Rejected fruit to
be removed.

6. Rejected citrus fruit not removed within three days of verbal or written notice from the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative will be forfeited and destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Rejected fruit not
to be packed.

7. No person shall pack or attempt to pack for export or ship or attempt to ship any citrus fruit unless –

- (a) the citrus fruit has been certified fit for export as provided for in regulation 5;
- (b) the citrus fruit has not been rejected by the manager of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative.

Tampering with
containers.

8. No person shall tamper with any container or the contents thereof when once the container has been sealed after inspection by the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative and certified fit for export.

9. The Minister shall refuse to permit the exportation of any citrus fruit unless he is satisfied that –

Minister may refuse exportation.

- (a) the citrus fruit has been inspected and approved as provided for in regulation 5;
- (b) no citrus fruit certified as provided for in regulation 5 has been tampered with after the certification.

10. The officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative shall keep the premises in a clean, uncongested and sanitary condition and shall see that all the machinery and equipment are kept in good condition free from sharp or rough surfaces likely to cause damage to the fruit.

Packing shed to be clean.

11. All citrus fruit packed at the packing shed shall be graded for quality according to standards defined as follows:

Grading of fruit.

- (a) “fancy” shall consist of fruit of the same variety, fully coloured and of a similar shape, and shall be firm and approximately not more than five per cent marked;
- (b) “choice” shall consist of fruit fully coloured and of similar shape and shall be firm and approximately not more than fifteen per cent marked;
- (c) “standard” shall consist only of fruits which while conforming to the general requirements are not up to the specifications of “fancy” or “choice”;
- (d) “orchard run” shall consist of an assorted collection of fruit of the above grades which, for some reason, cannot be specifically graded.

12. All fees and charges in connection with the preparation and packing for export of citrus fruit shall be paid to the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative for the use of his employers.

Fees and charges.

13. Any exporter of citrus fruit neglecting to pay within one month of the receipt of his account the fees and charges for grading and packing, the officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative may refuse to pack any citrus fruit for such exporter until the charges have been paid but no longer.

Non-payment of accounts.

Manager to use
reasonable care.

14. The officer in charge of the packing shed or his duly authorised representative shall exercise and cause to be exercised the utmost diligence and reasonable care in the handling and preparation for export of citrus fruit.

Regulations to be
exhibited.

15. A copy of these Regulations shall be posted up in a conspicuous place in the packing shed and copies thereof shall be available for all growers and exporters of citrus.

Rule 5.

SCHEDULE

FORM

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

Name of exporter	Number and identification mark on container	Description of citrus fruit	Grade if any

I certify that I have inspected the citrus fruit specified herein and that in my opinion it is fit for export.

(Sgd.).....
Officer in Charge of Packing Shed.

Date.....