

## **THE CROP PRODUCTION AND LIVESTOCK (POTATOES INSPECTION) RULES**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crop Production and Livestock (Potatoes Inspection) Rules, and shall apply to potatoes grown by Africans outside the special areas. 2. In these Rules, except where the context otherwise requires-

"inspector" means any administrative officer, agricultural officer or police officer, or any African agricultural inspector;

"mouldy" means bearing a visible fungus growth;

"potatoes" means the tubers of the plant *Solanum tuberosum*;

"trader" means any person who buys potatoes for the purpose of resale;

"wet" means visibly wet, or wet to the touch, on the outer surface.

3. (1) No potatoes grown by Africans shall be removed from the area set out in the First Schedule to these Rules unless and until they have been inspected at one of the places set out in the Second Schedule to these Rules, and unless the transporter is in possession of a certificate issued in respect of such potatoes under paragraph (2) of this rule.

(2) An inspector shall, if he does not reject the potatoes under rule 4 of these Rules, give the person tendering the potatoes for inspection a certificate to the effect that such potatoes have been inspected and approved by him for sale.

(3) A fee of three cents per bag of potatoes of ISO Ib., or less, in weight shall be paid by a trader in respect of each bag of potatoes purchased by him after inspection under these Rules:

Provided that no person shall be required to pay an inspection fee on any such bag of potatoes on which an inspection fee has already been paid.

4. (1) An inspector may, after inspection, reject potatoes which are wet, unripe or mouldy, or potatoes containing earth or other adulterating substances in excess of 2 per cent by weight or containing defective tubers in excess of 5 per cent by weight, but the owner shall be given the opportunity of sorting the parcel offered and re-submitting it for inspection.

(2) An inspector may, at the request of the owner of rejected potatoes, give him a certificate stating that the rejected potatoes are fit for animal food.

(3) Any person selling potatoes, in respect of which such a certificate has been given, for any purpose other than for animal food shall be guilty of an offence,

5. No potatoes shall be purchased by a trader from an African except between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

6. Every trader purchasing potatoes from an African shall display, in a prominent position outside the door of his shop, store or stall, the price which he is offering for the purchase of such potatoes and shall not lower such price during the course of the day.

7. Every trader purchasing potatoes inspected under these Rules shall—

(a) keep books of account, in which English numerals shall be used, showing all purchases and consignments of potatoes, and such books shall be open for inspection by an inspector other than an African agricultural inspector;

(6) submit at the end of each month a return of all potatoes purchased by him in an area to which these Rules apply and of all potatoes removed by him from any such area, and, in the case of removal by rail, a copy of the railway waybills, to the District Commissioner in charge of such area; and

(c) at the time of submitting the returns under paragraph (b) of this rule, pay to the District Commissioner the fee prescribed by paragraph (3) of rule 3 of these Rules.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE (r. 3)

Nakuru District, excepting Thomson's Falls Township.

Kijabe Township and the area within a radius of five miles thereof.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE (r.3)

Nakuru, Elburgon, Njoro, Rongai, Turi, Molo, Kijabe and Railway Siding 469/2 East African Railways and Harbours.