

**Regulations for the  
grading and  
inspection of honey  
under *The Vegetable,  
Fruit and Honey  
Sales Act***

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**SASKATCHEWAN REGULATION 62/70**  
under *The Vegetable and Honey Sales Act – Section 3*

REGULATIONS FOR THE GRADING AND INSPECTION OF HONEY UNDER  
SECTION 3 OF THE VEGETABLE AND HONEY SALES ACT

INTERPRETATION

**Interpretation**

**1** In the regulations following, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) **“Class”** means any group of honeys falling between two definite limits of colour as established on the Canada Honey Classifier;
- (b) **“Department”** means the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Saskatchewan;
- (c) **“Canada Honey Classifier”** is that instrument known commercially as such, which is manufactured to the specifications of, and authorized by the Canada Department of Agriculture;
- (d) **“First dealer”** means any person who buys or otherwise acquires honey packed by another for sale under his own label;
- (e) **“Inspection”** means inspection by an inspector appointed under the Act, and **“inspected”** has corresponding meaning;
- (f) **“Inspection point”** means any point or area regularly attended by an inspector;
- (g) **“Liquid honey”** means honey containing not more than 5 per cent visible crystals and which has been treated to preserve its original liquid form;
- (h) **“Package”** means any box, crate, wrapper or carton enclosing one or more containers of honey or any container not requiring packaging for shipment;
- (i) **“Pasteurized honey”** means honey which has been treated by the controlled application of heat to a point where all yeasts are destroyed in a plant registered and operating under the supervision of the Canada Department of Agriculture;
- (j) **“Registered trade name”** means any copyrighted name or trade mark;
- (k) **“Tank lot”** means the honey contained in any single storage tank or receptacle from which containers or packages are filled at the apiary or packing plant;
- (l) **“To pack”** means to place honey in any container or package for the purpose of sale.

## EXEMPTIONS

**Exemptions**

**2** These regulations shall not apply:

- (a) to honey produced by a beekeeper and sold by said beekeeper direct to a consumer;
- (b) to gift shipments of five packages or less, or experimental or exhibition shipments, or such other shipments as may be authorized by the Minister.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s2.

## GENERAL

**General**

**3** No person shall:

- (a) transport, pack, advertise, display or offer for sale, sell or have in his possession for sale any honey which has not been classified and graded and packed and marked in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations thereunder; the onus of proof of compliance with such provisions shall be upon the person charged;
- (b) offer or accept for shipment or ship, transport, offer for sale or sell any honey which is below the minimum grade, except to a person engaged in the operation of a manufacturing or processing plant;
- (c) represent any honey which he packs, offers for sale, or sells in any container or package to be of a certain class or grade unless such honey has been classified and graded and the container and package marked in accordance with the regulations;
- (d) misrepresent the class, grade, variety or origin of any honey packed, offered for sale or sold by him in any kind of container or package;
- (e) pilfer or carelessly handle or injure or destroy honey in the process of packing or in transporting, warehousing or otherwise dealing therewith;
- (f) use for packing honey any container or package that has been previously marked without first completely obliterating such markings when they are inconsistent with the marks required by these regulations;
- (g) without authority
  - (i) use any registered member or mark assigned to any other person;
  - (ii) use any brand, stencil or label designating the owner, packer or shipper;
  - (iii) alter, efface or obliterate or cause to be altered, effaced or obliterated, wholly or partially, any marks on any package or container which has been inspected;
  - (iv) mark any package or container of honey in a manner describing or relating to the class or grade of the contents otherwise than as required by any regulation under this Act.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s3.

**Class, grade, weight**

4 The class, grade and correct designation of weight of honey shall be specified in all advertising.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s4.

**INSPECTION****Inspection**

5(1) Any person requiring honey to be inspected shall give notice to the resident inspector or if there be no resident inspector to the nearest inspector or the Department in sufficient time prior to date of shipment to allow for the taking of samples for determination of moisture and other grade requirements.

(2) Inspection shall be made as facilities permit and as nearly as practicable in the order in which applications are received.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s5.

**Place of inspection**

6 Inspection may be obtained at such place and within such time as may be specified by the Department.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s6.

**Co-operation with Inspector**

7 The applicant for inspection shall arrange the honey to be inspected in separate tank lots in a suitable place, shall open and close all containers and packages as directed by the inspector and shall render such other assistance to the inspector as he may require.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s7.

**Examination**

8(1) The inspector shall examine not less than ten per cent by count of the packages in any tank lot and shall draw a sample from any package he may select upon which colour and moisture content will be determined for the entire tank lot.

(2) If there is any noticeable difference in colour or quality in any tank lot of honey the inspector may refuse to inspect such tank lot or he may examine every package in the tank lot dividing it into two or more lesser lots of similar colour and quality. In such cases the inspector shall impose a fee of five cents for each package in tank lots so divided such fee to be collected in advance.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s8.

**Interpretation**

9 When a shipment of honey is submitted for inspection which does not bear the tank lot numbers as required by these regulations, or when there is any irregularity in the tank lot numbers the inspector may refuse to inspect the shipment or he may examine each package in the shipment dividing it into lots of apparently similar colour and quality. From not less than ten per cent of the packages in each lot thus established the inspector will draw a composite sample upon which colour and moisture content will be determined for the entire lot. In such cases the inspector shall impose a fee of five cents for each package in the shipment, such fee to be collected in advance.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s9.

## DETENTION

### Detention

**10(1)** All honey and all honey containers and packages and labels in respect of which any offense against this Act or regulations thereunder is committed may be placed under detention by an inspector at the risk and expense of the owner until such time as such honey or honey containers or packages or labels comply with the provisions of this Act or regulations thereunder, or after a conviction of the owner by a court of competent jurisdiction, may be forfeited to His Majesty and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Minister may direct.

(2) An inspector detaining any lot of honey or honey containers or packages or labels may at any time and at any place attach thereto a numbered detention tag and no person shall sell or offer for sale, move, allow or cause to be moved any such honey or honey containers or packages or labels or remove such detention tag without the written authority of an inspector or of the Department.

(3) Honey under detention, for which a permit for shipment or transportation to a manufacturing or processing plant has been issued by an inspector, shall not be subject to the provisions of these regulations governing marking of honey.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s10.

### Detention Notice and Detention Release Forms

**11(1)** Within twenty-four hours after placing any honey or honey containers or packages or labels under detention, the inspector shall deliver or mail to the packer, shipper, owner, or person in possession of same, a duly completed form of Detention Notice.

(2) When the inspector is fully satisfied that any such honey or honey containers or packages or labels have been brought into compliance with the provisions of the Act and regulations thereunder he may release same by issuing a duly completed Detention Release Form.

(3) The Detention and Release Forms shall be issued in quadruplicate, the original and one copy for Departmental purposes, one copy for the responsible party and one copy for the inspector.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s11.

## APPEAL INSPECTION

### Appeal Inspection

**12(1)** Whenever a person financially interested in the honey is dissatisfied with the determination stated in the original inspection certificate he may apply for an appeal inspection. Such application shall state the reasons therefor and may be accompanied by a copy of any previous inspection certificate or other information possessed by the applicant regarding the quality or condition of the honey at time of original inspection.

(2) Should it appear that the reasons stated in such application are unsubstantial or that the quality or condition of the honey has materially changed or that the honey cannot be made accessible for inspection, the application may be denied.

(3) Inspections requested to determine factors of quality or condition which may have materially changed since the original inspection, or second inspection requested for the purpose of obtaining an up-to-date certificate but without questioning the correctness of the original certificate, shall not be considered appeal inspections.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s12.

**Same**

**13(1)** Inspection certificates shall be issued hi quadruplicate; the original and one copy for Departmental purposes and two copies for the applicant.

(2) If the shipper resident in the province is not the applicant a copy of the certificate shall be delivered or mailed to him without fee.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s13.

## FEES

**Fees**

**14(1)** Except as specified in Clauses 8 and 9 of these regulations, for each inspection performed a fee shall be paid by the applicant upon delivery of the certificate or in advance of inspection if so required by the inspector, as follows:

(a) For shipping point or destination inspection: one-sixtieth cent per pound, minimum fee \$1.00, but one-twentieth cent per pound with minimum fee 25 cents for a small quantity inspected together with a carlot quantity.

(b) For appeal inspection: one-thirtieth cent per pound, minimum fee \$2.00;

provided however that when such inspection proves the original inspection to have been incorrectly certified no fee shall be charged and the original certificate shall be deemed automatically annulled by issuance of the appeal certificate.

(2) The Department may require reimbursement for traveling expenses, telegrams, telephones or other items paid or incurred in connection with any inspection or re-inspection made at a place other than an inspection point or other than where the request for such inspection is filed with an inspector.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s14.

## CLASSES

**Classes**

**15** The following shall be the classes for honey produced and sold in the Province of Saskatchewan:

(a) White – When in liquid form the honey shall be no darker in colour than that colour designated as White on the Canada Honey Classifier.

(b) Golden – When in liquid form the honey shall be no darker in colour than that colour designated as Golden on the Canada Honey Classifier.

- (c) Amber – When in liquid form the honey shall be no darker in colour than that colour designated as Amber (Light Amber) on the Canada Honey Classifier.
- (d) Dark – When in liquid form the honey shall be darker in colour than that colour designated as Amber (Light Amber) on the Canada Honey Classifier.

## GRADES

### Grades

**16** The following shall be the grades for honey:

- (a) No. 1 Grade – The honey shall be:
  - (i) free from damage;
  - (ii) free of foreign material;
  - (iii) of moisture content not exceeding 17.8 per cent or with a minimum specific gravity reading of 1.4184 at 68 degrees Fahrenheit referred to water at the same temperature.
- (b) No. 2 Grade – The honey shall be:
  - (i) free from serious damage;
  - (ii) fairly free of foreign material;
  - (iii) of moisture content not exceeding 18.6 per cent, or with a minimum specific gravity reading of 1.4129 at 68 degrees Fahrenheit referred to water at the same temperature.
- (c) No. 3 Grade – Shall consist of honey which does not meet the requirements of the foregoing grades but is:
  - (i) free from serious damage;
  - (ii) fairly free of foreign material;
  - (iii) of moisture content not exceeding 20 per cent, or with a minimum specific gravity reading of 1.4033 at 68 degrees Fahrenheit referred to water at the same temperature.
- (d) When honey is granulated it may, at the option of the packer, be further described as being of “Fine”, “Medium” or “Coarse” texture, but no honey shall be offered for sale or sold so marked until it is granulated.
- (e) Honey otherwise meeting the requirements of the above grades may be of moisture content not exceeding 20 per cent if pasteurized in an establishment registered with and operating under the supervision of the Canada Department of Agriculture, and marked as required in these regulations.

(f) Definition of terms:-

For the purpose of this clause –

**“Damage”** means injury caused by turbidity, overheating or an objectionable flavour or aroma from floral source, honeydew, smoke taint or other flavour or aroma foreign to honey; in the case of granulated honey, foam in excess of minor frosting shall be considered damage.

**“Fairly free”** in respect of foreign material means that honey or its surface is as clear as if strained at temperature of not more than 130°F. through a standard bolting cloth of 23 meshes to the inch; honey which at ordinary extracting room temperature has been strained without pressure through a single thickness or ordinary fine cheesecloth and thereupon allowed to settle usually will be fairly free of foreign material.

**“Free”** in respect of foreign material means that the honey or its surface is as clear as if strained at temperature of not more than 130°F. through a standard bolting cloth of 86 meshes to the inch; honey which at ordinary extracting room temperature has been strained without pressure through a double thickness of ordinary fine cheesecloth and thereupon allowed to settle usually will be free of foreign material.

**“Serious damage”** means any injury defect or deterioration seriously affecting the edibility, appearance or shipping quality of the honey.

**“Turbidity”** means cloudiness caused by pollen grains, minute air bubbles, finely divided wax particles, or other substances that detract from the clearness of the honey.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s16.

## TOLERANCES

### Tolerances

**17** In order to allow for variations incident to proper classification, grading and packing, not more than 10 per cent by count of containers in any tank lot graded as No. 1 or No. 2 shall contain honey that differs from the class or grade as marked on the containers, but no tolerance shall be allowed for any honey that is below the next lower class or grade. No tolerance shall be allowed for serious damage in honey graded as No. 2 or No. 3.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s17.

## MARKING OF TANK LOTS

### Marking

**18(1)** Every tank lot of honey shall be assigned a tank lot number by the packer, such tank lot numbers to run consecutively throughout the calendar year commencing with number 1.

(2) Every package of honey shall be marked at the apiary or packing plant at time of packing with the number of the tank lot from which it was filled, and also with the final figure in the number of the year in which it was packed (thus  $\frac{1}{9}$  or

1/9 – the upper or first number 1 indicating the tank lot and the lower or latter number 9 indicating the year 1949 in which the honey was packed) and where a single package is only partially filled from one tank lot and the filling completed from another tank lot, both tank lot numbers shall be so marked.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s18.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF PACKER ON FIRST DEALER LABEL

##### Identification of packer

**19** Where honey is packed under a first dealer's label a number may be used to identify the packer if names and address of all packers and corresponding numbers allotted are filed annually with the Department by the first dealer. Such number shall appear in brackets immediately following the first dealer's name and address, on all containers and packages, as follows:

John Doe Co. Limited  
Regina, Sask. (62)

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s19.

#### PACKAGE MARKS

##### Package Marks

**20(1)** Every person who packs, transports, ships, advertises, displays, sells, offers for sale or has in possession for sale any honey shall mark each package of honey in accordance with this clause.

(2) Each package shall be marked with:

- (a) the words "Canada" or "Canadian" and "Honey";
- (b) the class and grade;
- (c) the name and address of the packer, or the name and address of the first dealer together with the packer's allotted number;
- (d) the number and size of containers enclosed;
- (e) the net weight of honey contained in the package;
- (f) the words "Liquid Honey" or "Liquid" if the honey has been treated to preserve its original liquid form;
- (g) the word "Pasteurized" in conjunction with and in letters of the same size and visibility as those indicating the class and grade, if the honey was pasteurized in an establishment registered with the Canada Department of Agriculture;
- (h) the tank lot number;

- (i) the registration number identifying the shipper.
- (3) The address shall include the name of the province.
- (4) In the case of an individual the name shall consist of the initials and full surname and in the case of a firm or corporation the name shall consist of the firm or corporate name.
- (5) Where a packer or a first dealer packs or sells under a registered trade name, the trade name may be used in lieu of name and address.
- (6) All marks shall be in distinctly legible block letters of a size not less than  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch in length and, except in the case of barrels and half-barrels, shall be confined to one side and one end of the package; the side and end of the package bearing the marks shall bear no additional marks other than those placed thereon by an inspector.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s20.

## CONTAINER MARKS

### Container Marks

- 21(1)** Every person who packs, transports, ships, advertises, displays, sells, offers for sale or has in possession for sale any honey shall mark the label of each container in accordance with this clause.
- (2) Unless otherwise provided in this clause, all marks shall appear on the main panel of the label, together with any vignette, brand name or trade mark in distinct legible block letters.
  - (3) Except in the case of glass containers the minimum size of letters shall be as follows:
    - (a) on containers of one pound or smaller  $\frac{3}{32}$  of an inch in length;
    - (b) on containers of more than one pound and not more than eight pounds  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch in length; and
    - (c) on containers of more than eight pounds  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch in length.
  - (4) Glass containers shall be marked with:
    - (a) the word "Honey";
    - (b) the class and grade;
    - (c) the words "Liquid Honey" or "Liquid" if the honey has been treated to preserve its original liquid form;
    - (d) the word "Pasteurized" in conjunction with and in letters of the same size and visibility as those indicating the class and grade, if the honey was pasteurized in an establishment registered with the Canada Department of Agriculture;
    - (e) the net weight;
    - (f) the name and address of the packer, or the name and address of the first dealer together with the packer's allotted number.

- (5) The marks required by sub-clause (4) shall appear in clearly legible letters of size reasonably proportionate to the size and design of the label.
- (6) All other containers shall be marked with:
- (a) the net weight;
  - (b) the name and address of the packer, or the name and address of the first dealer together with the packer's allotted number;
  - (c) the word "Honey";
  - (d) the class and grade;
  - (e) the words "Liquid Honey" or "Liquid" if the honey has been treated to preserve its original liquid form;
  - (f) the word "Pasteurized" in conjunction with and in letters of the same size and visibility as those indicating the class and grade, if the honey was pasteurized in an establishment registered with the Canada Department of Agriculture.
- (7) The marks required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-clause (6) may be placed elsewhere than on the main panel of the label but shall appear in clearly legible letters of a size reasonably proportionate to the size and design of the label.
- (8) The marks required by paragraph (e) of sub-clause (6) may be placed on the lid or cover of the container in letters not less than 1/4 of an inch in length.
- (9) The address shall include the name of the province.
- (10) In the case of an individual the name shall consist of the initials and full surname and in the case of a firm or corporation the name shall consist of the firm or corporate name.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s21.

## APPROVAL OF LABELS

### Approval

- 22(1)** With the exception of persons using manufacturers' stock design labels, all persons who pack honey shall submit to the Department two copies of all container labels intended to be used; no such label shall be used until approved and such persons shall produce approved labels for inspection when so required by an inspector.
- (2) All manufacturers of stock design labels shall submit to the Department two copies of all stock design container labels intended for distribution to honey producers and packers; no such label shall be manufactured or distributed until approved and manufacturers shall produce approved stock design labels for inspection when so required by an inspector.
- (3) Manufacturers' stock design labels may be approved en bloc, and in blank, for manufacturers, and persons using such labels shall properly complete them with such marks as are required by these regulations.
- (4) No person shall use any approved stock design or other label indicating provincial origin on honey originating outside the Province of Saskatchewan.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s22.

### TEXTURE—GRANULATED HONEY

#### Granulated honey

**23(1)** In the case of granulated honey only, the words “Fine” or “Medium” or “Course” may be added after the class and grade designation on containers and packages, to indicate the texture of the honey (e.g. “GOLDEN NO. 1 COARSE”).

(2) Where an indication of texture is made it shall be in letters of the same size as the class and grade marks.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s23.

### CONTAINERS AND PACKAGES

#### Containers and Packages

**24(1)** Honey shall be packed in clean, sound and strongly constructed containers approved by the Department and of one of the following sizes: 1 ½ ounce, 2 ounce, 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 1 pound, 1 ½ pounds, 2 pounds, 3 pounds, 4 pounds, 8 pounds, 30 pounds, 40 pounds, 60 pounds, 70 pounds, net weight, or ½ barrels and barrels of unspecified sizes.

(2) Containers of honey shall be packed in clean, well constructed packages that are in good condition and not defaced by old markings.

(3) Containers of extracted honey shall be securely closed by means of screw caps, friction top lids, bungs, or otherwise as approved by the Department.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s24; 16 Jne 72 SR 108/72.

### REGISTRATION

#### Registration

**25** Every person who ships honey in export or inter-provincial trade shall apply to the Canada Department of Agriculture for registration as a shipper.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s24.

### PASTEURIZING PLANTS

#### Pasteurizing plants

**26** Persons operating pasteurizing plants shall keep an accurate record of their packs which shall be available to the Department at all times, indicating:

- (a) the quantity, colour and grade of each tank lot of honey packed and the size and type of containers into which it was packed;
- (b) the quantity of honey purchased and the persons from whom it was purchased; and
- (c) the quantity of honey packed on a custom basis and the persons for whom it was packed.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s26.

## SANITARY CONDITIONS

**Sanitary Conditions**

**27** The following sanitary conditions shall be observed and maintained in all premises where honey is extracted, packed, handled or stored, namely;

- (a) all buildings or rooms shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (b) all appliances including extractors, pumps, tanks, uncapping machines, or other equipment used in the handling of honey from the apiary to the final containers shall be kept clean and sanitary;
- (c) all operations in connection with the preparation and packing of honey shall be carried on carefully and with strict cleanliness;
- (d) all persons engaged in the preparation, handling and packing of honey shall be free from any communicable disease and covering used by them to protect their clothing or persons shall be of material easily cleaned and shall be kept reasonably clean;
- (e) no lavatory, sink, cesspool, or buildings in which animals are housed shall be so situated or maintained as to permit any odours or fumes therefrom to pervade any room or building in which honey is being extracted, packed, handled or stored;
- (f) all honey intended to be used for food found by an inspector in any apiary, packing plant or warehouse, to be in any way unfit for food purposes shall be placed under detention and held for disposal as the Minister may direct, and
- (g) all vehicles used for the transportation of honey shall be clean and sanitary to the satisfaction of the inspector.

26 Mar 70 SR 62/70 s27.