

3. Owners of sheep-skins may deliver them, for sale to the Government, to any Government broker at the receiving depot established at any place specified in the First Schedule hereto.

4. Skins so delivered will be examined and valued by valuers appointed and paid by the Government, and hereinafter called Government valuers.

5. Such skins shall be valued in accordance with the scale of values set out in the Second Schedule.

6. Any skins so delivered may be rejected by the Government valuer as not of the class, quality, or condition required by the Government.

7. On any skins being so valued, the Government broker, if duly authorized in that behalf by the seller, will purchase the same on behalf of the Government at the price at which they have been so valued. Such purchase will be effected by posting or delivering to the Controller of Department of Imperial Government Supplies at Wellington an invoice for the skins, together with the Government valuer's certificate of valuation.

8. The property in all skins so purchased shall pass to the Crown so soon as the contract of purchase has been so effected, and the Government broker will thereafter hold them on behalf of the Government.

9. Payment for all skins so purchased shall be made by the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies on the expiry of fourteen days after the date of the contract. Such payment will be made to the Government broker for and on account of the seller, and he shall account for the same accordingly to the seller.

10. The Government broker to whom any skins are so delivered for sale to the Government will act as the agent and on behalf of the seller in doing or causing to be done all things required in respect of the receipt, drying, trimming, and preparation for valuation of such skins and the storage thereof until the sale to the Government has been effected.

11. For all services rendered by a Government broker as the agent of the seller the broker shall be entitled to charge the seller such commission or other remuneration as may be in accordance with the established custom of the trade in the locality, irrespective of whether in accordance with that custom such commission or remuneration has hitherto been payable by the buyer or the seller.

12. For the purposes of this scheme the Government will, so far as may be thought necessary, grant licenses to fit and proper persons to purchase sheep-skins for resale to the Government under this scheme. Such licenses will be granted on application to the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies, and on such terms and conditions and on the payment of such fees as he thinks fit to impose, and may be cancelled by him if he is satisfied that any breach of such conditions has been committed by the licensee. Every license hitherto granted by the Minister of Agriculture under clause 12 of the aforesaid notice of the thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and now in force shall be deemed to have been granted by the Controller under this present authority, and shall operate accordingly in accordance with its tenor until cancelled by the Controller.

13. No sheep-skins will be purchased by the Government from any person who has himself purchased the same unless—

(a.) He was already the owner thereof at the date of this notification; or

(b.) He was at the time of purchasing the same the holder of such a license as aforesaid.

14. No skins of sheep slaughtered at a meat-export slaughterhouse for export will be purchased by the Government under this scheme.

15. In all of the matters herein set forth the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies will act on behalf of the Government.

16. If such supplies of sheep-skins as the Government deems adequate for the necessities of His Majesty's Government are at any time not obtained by way of contract of purchase and sale in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the necessary supplies will thereupon be obtained by way of seizure or requisition in the exercise of His Majesty's prerogative, or in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, or the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1915 (No. 2), as the case may require.