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Purchase of Cheese by the Government.

WHEREAS for the maintenance of His Majesty's Forces and for other purposes it is necessary that His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom should acquire the whole of the cheese manufactured in New Zealand during the period hereinafter specified, saving only such supplies as may be required for local consumption: And whereas arrangements have been made whereby the Government of New Zealand will acquire on behalf of His Majesty's said Government the supplies of cheese so required:

Now, therefore, it is hereby publicly notified as follows for the information of cheese-manufacturers and of all others concerned:—

1. The New Zealand Government (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") is prepared to purchase from the manufacturers, for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, the whole of the exportable surplus of factory or dairy cheese manufactured in New Zealand during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1918, and ending on the 1st day of July, 1920, at the prices and on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. The price to be paid by the Government is in the case of first-grade full-cream factory cheese 10½d. per pound, and in the case of second-grade factory cheese 10¼d. per pound, and in the case of third-grade factory cheese 10d. per pound, delivered free on board ocean steamer at a customary grading port for direct carriage to the United Kingdom. The prices to be paid for dairy cheese are 9¼d. per pound for first grade and 8¾d. per pound for second grade, delivered free on board ocean steamer as aforesaid.

3. The cheese shall before shipment be examined and graded in a Government grading-store in accordance with the usual course of trade, and may be rejected as not being of good merchantable quality and condition, or as not in conformity with the terms and conditions of the contract in other respects. The cheese shall be held in stores approved by the Director of the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture, and at such temperatures as shall be directed by that officer.