

"Yellow or green varieties" means any of the varieties of apples included in Section 3 of the Schedule hereto, and any other varieties having similar colouring.

PACKAGES FOR FRUIT.

2. This part of these regulations shall apply only to apples, pears, quinces, lemons, oranges, peaches, nectarines, and plums.

3. No fruit of any of the kinds enumerated in Regulation 2 above shall be sold in packages except such packages conform to one or other of the types of packages hereinafter prescribed for the several kinds of fruit:

Provided that nothing in this part of these regulations shall apply to fruit of the above-mentioned kinds which is sold direct to a factory or works for the purpose of being utilized in the manufacture of any product, or is sold direct to a packing establishment to be there packed.

4. (1.) The packages in which apples, pears, quinces, lemons, or oranges may be sold shall be of one or other of the following types:—

(a.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 10 in. by 11½ in. by 19½ in.

(b.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 19½ in.

(c.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 7 in. by 8 in. by 19½ in.

(d.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 9½ in.

(e.) A package of three wooden trays strapped together, one above the other, each tray having an inside measurement of 11½ in. by 19½ in., with a depth unspecified but not greater than is necessary to take one layer of the kind of fruit being packed. The straps shall be of wood ¾ in. thick and 1½ in. wide, secured to the ends of the trays, two straps to each end, and flush with the sides of the package thus formed.

(f.) A wooden crate of any size containing wooden cases having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 9½ in.

(2.) Packages of the types described in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (e) of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be constructed of timber ¾ in. thick for the ends and ⅝ in. thick for the sides, tops, and bottoms.

(3.) Packages of the type described in subparagraph (d) of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be constructed of timber ½ in. thick for the ends and ¼ in. thick for the sides, tops, and bottoms.

5. (1.) The packages in which peaches, nectarines, or plums may be sold shall be of one or other of the following types:—

(a.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 19½ in., with a partition ½ in. thick in the centre if desired.

(b.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 7 in. by 8 in. by 19½ in., with a partition ½ in. thick in the centre if desired.

(c.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 6 in. by 7 in. by 28 in., with a partition ½ in. thick in the centre.

(d.) A wooden case having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 9½ in.

(e.) A package of three wooden trays strapped together, one above the other, each tray having an inside measurement of 11½ in. by 19½ in., with a depth unspecified but not greater than is necessary to take one layer of the kind of fruit being packed. The straps shall be of wood, ¾ in. thick and 1½ in. wide, secured to the ends of the trays, two straps to each end, and flush with the sides of the package thus formed.

(f.) A wooden crate of any size containing wooden cases having an inside measurement of 5 in. by 11½ in. by 9½ in.

(g.) A wooden crate of any size containing any number of punnets.

(2.) Packages of the types described in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (e) of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be constructed of timber ¾ in. thick for the ends and ⅝ in. thick for the sides, tops, and bottoms.

(3.) Packages of the type described in subparagraph (d) of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be constructed of timber ½ in. thick for the ends and ¼ in. thick for the sides, tops, and bottoms.

6. If any person, at the coming into force of these regulations, has on hand any packages of a different type from those herein specified, or stocks of timber specially sawn for making such packages, he may, on obtaining permission from the Director to do so, use such packages in packing for sale fruit of the kinds referred to in this part of these regulations:

Provided that such permission shall authorize the use of such packages as aforesaid only up to and including the 31st October, 1920.

MARKING OF PACKAGES WITH REGISTERED NUMBER.

7. This part of these regulations shall apply only to apples, pears, quinces, peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots, cherries, oranges, and lemons.

8. Every package of fruit of any of the kinds mentioned in the preceding regulation sold or offered for sale shall be branded with the registered number of the owner of such fruit, allotted as hereinafter prescribed.

9. Every owner of fruit of the kinds set out in this part of these regulations who sells such fruit in packages shall apply to the Director for registration:

Provided that every occupier of an orchard from which fruit is sold or intended to be sold, to whom, at the coming into operation of these regulations, a certificate of registration of such orchard has been issued in terms of the regulations dated the 3rd September, 1917, and published in the *Gazette* of 6th idem, shall be deemed to have applied for registration under these regulations, and a certificate of registration and a registered number shall be issued to him as hereinafter prescribed.

10. The Director on receipt of such application shall without fee register such owner of fruit, allotting to him a registered number, and shall issue to such owner a certificate of registration accordingly.

11. Such registered number may consist of any combination of letters and numerals.

12. No registered number shall be transferred without the consent in writing of the Director.

13. If a registered number has not been used for a period of two years the Director may, after giving one month's notice in writing, cancel the registration of the owner of such registered number, which will then be available for reallocation.

14. The owner of fruit for sale shall brand his registered number in characters of 1 in. block type on one end of each package of such fruit if such package is a fruit-case, or, if not, in some prominent position thereon.

15. No auctioneer or other selling agent shall sell or offer for sale any fruit of the kinds set out in this part of these regulations contained in packages which are not branded with a registered number.

16. No owner shall sell fruit of any of the kind set out in this part of these regulations in packages which bear any other than his own registered number, and he shall erase or obliterate any other registered number on such packages:

Provided that in the event of the purchaser of any fruit selling the same without removing such fruit or any portion of it from the packages for any purpose, including the re-packing of it in the same packages, he shall sell such fruit under the registered number already branded on the packages, without alteration thereof or addition thereto.

17. Nothing in these regulations shall prevent the holder of a registered number using any other design or mark in combination with such registered number for the purpose of marking his packages of fruit, provided the requirements of these regulations in regard to the use of such registered numbers are complied with.

SALE OF FRUIT UNDER OFFICIAL GRADE-MARKS.

18. The following are the official grades in which apples or pears may be classed:—

Extra Fancy,
Fancy,
C Grade;

and the words "Extra Fancy," "Fancy," and "C Grade" shall be deemed to be and shall be known as official grade-marks.

19. (1.) No apples or pears shall be sold in packages bearing thereon any of the above official grade-marks unless such apples or pears conform to the standards hereinafter set out for the corresponding grades, and unless all the requirements of this part of these regulations are complied with.

(2.) The official grade-marks shall not be applied to fruit other than apples and pears unless and until such fruit is brought within the scope of this part of these regulations.

Apples.

20. The following are the standards by which the grade of apples shall be determined:—

(a.) *Extra Fancy Grade.*—Apples of this grade shall be of not less size than 2¼ in., sound, smooth, and clean. They shall be mature, well formed, hand-picked, true to name, and free from disease, spray injury, visible bitter-pit, skin-puncture or skin broken at stem, and other defects. Very