

shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and shall be liable accordingly.

54. Every person who, being a servant or agent of any Government broker or of any such seller or purchaser of wheat, wilfully does any act whereby or in consequence of which such Government broker, seller, or purchaser breaks his contract with the Government shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

55. Every person who deceives or attempts to deceive a Government broker or the Wheat Controller in the exercise of his functions under these regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

56. Every person who incites, aids, abets, counsels, or procures any other person, or conspires with any other person, to commit an offence against these regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

57. Every person who fails to make in accordance with these regulations any return required thereby or in pursuance thereof, or who makes any such return which is false or misleading in any particular, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

58. Every person who, whether as principal, agent, or otherwise, sells or purchases, or agrees or offers to sell or purchase, wheat at a price in excess of the maximum price thereof as determined for the time being under the Board of Trade Act, 1919, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

PART VIII.—RETURNS.

59. On or before the 7th day of September, 1922, every grower of wheat shall make to the Wheat Controller a return showing as at 31st day of August, 1922—

- (a.) The number of bushels of each variety of wheat grown by him and threshed but not yet sold and delivered:
- (b.) How much of such wheat still lies on the grower's farm:
- (c.) The location of any such wheat which is stored or held elsewhere.

60. On or before the 7th day of September, 1922, every grower of wheat shall make to the Wheat Controller a return showing as at 31st day of August, 1922—

- (a.) The estimated quantity of wheat, in bushels, which the grower has still unthreshed, the quantities of each variety of wheat to be stated separately:
- (b.) The probable date of threshing and delivery to the market.

61. In the case of all wheat remaining unthreshed at the 31st day of August, 1922, the grower shall within one week after the threshing thereof make to the Wheat Controller a return showing the actual yield of each variety.

62. On or before the 31st day of March, 1922, every flour-miller carrying on business in New Zealand shall make to the Wheat Controller a return showing—

- (a.) His probable requirements of wheat for milling for the period between the 1st day of March, 1922, and the 28th day of February, 1923:
- (b.) His carry-over of stocks of wheat, flour, bran, and pollard as at the 28th day of February, 1922.

63. Every flour-miller carrying on business in New Zealand shall, on or before the 15th day of each calendar month, commencing in March, 1922, make to the Wheat Controller a return showing full particulars of all wheat delivered to him during the last preceding calendar month in pursuance of purchases made by him.

64. The Wheat Controller, or his duly authorized representative, may require any person to give to him any information in such person's possession, and to produce any books or documents in his possession or under his control, relating to the sale or purchase of any wheat, whether grown in New Zealand or not, and of whatever season's crop, and whether such person is a party to such sale or purchase or not. Any person withholding any such information or failing to produce such books or documents shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

65. In making all such returns as aforesaid the person by whom the return is to be made shall use such forms and give such additional particulars as the Wheat Controller may from time to time require.

66. (1.) Every person who, whether as principal or agent, and whether personally or through an agent, enters into any contract for the purchase of free wheat otherwise than from the Government shall, within seven days after the day of the making of the contract, make or cause to be made to the Wheat Controller a return of such contract containing the following particulars:—

- (a.) The names and addresses of the purchaser and seller:
- (b.) The date on which the contract was made:
- (c.) The class and quantity of wheat so purchased:
- (d.) The agreed date and place of delivery:
- (e.) The price of the wheat per bushel:
- (f.) The price of the sacks:
- (g.) Particulars of any terms or conditions which are not in accordance with the established custom of the trade at the date of these regulations:
- (h.) If the contract is made or evidenced by any written document, a copy of that document:
- (i.) A declaration made by or on behalf of the purchaser that the price of the wheat is not in excess of the maximum price as fixed at the date of the contract by any Order in Council made under the Board of Trade Act, 1919.

(2.) Nothing in this clause shall render necessary a return of any contract for the purchase of wheat in any quantity less than 100 bushels, save that two or more contracts

made by the same purchaser at or substantially at the same time (whether from the same or different sellers) shall be deemed to be one contract for the purpose of this exemption.

PART IX.—SEED-WHEAT.

67. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, a Government broker in purchasing wheat on account of the Government may, with the permission of the Wheat Controller, resell that wheat or any part thereof to the broker himself as seed-wheat at a price equivalent to the price for sales on account of the Government calculated in accordance with clause 31 hereof.

68. No commission shall be payable to the broker in respect either of the purchase or resale of any wheat so dealt with.

69. The Government broker shall pay to the Government the purchase-money for all seed-wheat so purchased by him in cash on the delivery of the wheat to the broker in pursuance of the contract.

70. In all other respects these regulations shall apply to any such resale by the Government to a Government broker in the same manner as if the Government broker were an independent third person purchasing the wheat from the Government through that broker.

71. Save with the permission of the Wheat Controller, it shall not be lawful for a broker who has so purchased seed-wheat to dispose of it in any manner otherwise than by sale thereof as seed-wheat to farmers.

72. Any surplus of seed-wheat so purchased by a Government broker, and undisposed of by sale to farmers before the close of the sowing season of the year 1922, may be demanded by the Wheat Controller for the Government, and shall thereupon be resold to the Government by the broker at the price hereinbefore prescribed for good milling-wheat sold to the Government for delivery in the month in which such demand was made by the Wheat Controller.

PART X.—EXPORT OF WHEAT.

73. The export of wheat, save with the approval of the Minister of Customs given on the recommendation of the Wheat Controller, is hereby prohibited.

74. The Minister may, subject to such terms and conditions, including the payment of commission, as he may prescribe, appoint a person, firm, or company (hereinafter referred to as the export agent) to obtain, through Government brokers on behalf of the Government, such quantities and qualities of wheat as the Wheat Controller may from time to time direct, and to effect on such behalf the export and disposal of such wheat at such prices and on such terms and conditions as the Wheat Controller may direct or approve.

75. The Wheat Controller may require any Government broker to offer to the export agent any specified parcel of wheat, or all wheat, over which such Government broker may have the power of disposal before offering such wheat to any other purchaser from the Government.

76. With respect to all wheat offered to the export agent the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a.) Upon receipt of directions in writing from the export agent, the Government broker shall forward such wheat to such broker's order to the destination prescribed in such directions.
- (b.) Such proportion (if any) of such wheat as is certified by a Grader approved by the Wheat Controller to be equal to export standard will be accepted by the export agent, and the value thereof, calculated on the basis of the prices fixed under clauses 16 and 19 hereof, and on weights certified by the export agent, will be payable by the Government to the owner of such wheat or his authorized agent.
- (c.) A commission of 1d. per bushel on the quantity of wheat accepted for export in accordance with clause (b) hereof will be paid to the Government broker by the Wheat Controller, such commission to be in lieu of and not in addition to the commission prescribed by clauses 39 and 40 hereof.

77. The export agent will be entitled to receive from the Government such commission on the quantity of wheat purchased by him for export as may be approved by the Minister, and will in addition, with respect to costs incurred with the approval of the Wheat Controller, be entitled to a refund of the net amount of his disbursements. Payment for services rendered by the export agent by direction of the Wheat Controller, other than those services agreed to be rendered in return for the commission herein referred to, will be made in such amounts as may be approved by the Minister.

78. The Wheat Controller is hereby empowered to dispose of wheat on behalf of the Government at such prices as may be approved by the Minister, subject to the condition that no wheat disposed of under this regulation shall be resold or offered for resale within the Dominion of New Zealand. Failure to export, within such time as the Wheat Controller may direct, wheat purchased under this regulation, or the resale or purchase of any such wheat in New Zealand, shall constitute a breach of these regulations, and the purchaser from the Government and any subsequent purchasers shall be liable accordingly.

79. All contracts for the sale of wheat under this Part of these regulations shall be executed by the Wheat Controller on behalf of the Government.

80. The Order in Council of the 27th September, 1921, making the Board of Trade (Wheat Futures) Regulations is hereby revoked.

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