

think proper, and the cost of such destruction or reshipment shall be paid to the Inspector on demand by the owner, shipper, or consignee of such cases, sacks, or other receptacles, or by the person or company having the custody or control thereof, and in case of non-payment on demand may be recovered by the Inspector by civil action; but this provision shall not relieve any such person or company from any other liability under this regulation.

11. The importation of plants, fruit, produce, and other things likely to introduce insect-pests or disease into the Cook Islands or from one island to another is prohibited, except under a written permit first obtained from the Inspector to import the same, and any such plants, fruit, produce, or thing imported under such permit shall be accompanied by a certificate of inspection, signed by an horticultural officer or some other responsible officer, satisfactory to the Inspector, certifying that such plants, fruit, produce, or other things were clean and free from disease at the time of shipment; and any plant, fruit, produce, or thing imported in contravention of this regulation may be seized and destroyed or reshipped by the Inspector at the cost of the owner, shipper, or consignor thereof in the manner and with the consequences provided in the last foregoing regulation.

22. All fruit intended for export from Rarotonga shall be presented to the Inspector for inspection at such places, on such days, and within such hours as the Inspector may from time to time prescribe, and the Inspector may refuse to inspect any fruit that may be presented for inspection otherwise than in accordance with such prescription.

25. (1.) All fruit intended for export from any of the Cook Islands shall be packed in such kinds of cases, sacks, or other receptacles as may be prescribed by these regulations, or may from time to time be approved of by the Inspector as suitable for the carriage of the particular class of fruit intended to be exported, and the Inspector may refuse to allow to be exported any fruit not so packed.

(2.) All cases, sacks, and other receptacles containing fruit intended for export shall be marked in accordance with these regulations, and the Inspector may refuse to allow to be exported any case, sack, or other receptacle not so marked.

(3.) All cases shall be marked on both ends, and all sacks and other receptacles on the sides thereof, in the following manner:—

(a.) With a main mark, consisting of the initials of the consignee to whom the fruit is intended to be shipped, or with such other distinguishing letters as may be required by the Inspector, marked in block letters of not less than 5 in. in height, except in the case of tomato-cases, when such letters shall be 3½ in. in height.

(b.) With a submark, to be chosen by the shipper and duly registered in accordance with these regulations, consisting of letters 2½ in. in height, except in the case of tomato-cases, when such letters shall be 2 in. in height. In the case of fruit-cases such submark shall be placed on the left-hand top corner of the ends of the cases.

(4.) All main marks shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector, and all submarks shall, if approved by the Inspector, be registered by him in accordance with these regulations before being used, and the Inspector may, before approving any main mark or approving and registering any submark, require the same to be varied or altered in such manner as he may think proper.

(5.) All applications to approve any main mark shall be made in writing to the Inspector, and when approved by him such main mark may be issued by any shipper desiring to ship fruit to the consignees represented by such main mark.

(6.) All applications to approve and register any submark shall be made in writing to the Inspector, accompanied by a fee of 1s., and when approved and registered such submark shall be used by the person applying to register the same, who shall be entitled to ship any fruit under such submark until the 31st day of March next ensuing.

(7.) Registration of such submarks shall be renewed from year to year on application in writing to the Inspector and on payment of a fee of 1s.

(8.) No person other than the person in whose name such submark is registered shall use the same; and no person shall ship any fruit otherwise than under a main mark duly approved, and a submark duly approved and registered, or in respect of which registration has been duly renewed in accordance with these regulations; nor shall the Inspector pass any fruit as being fit for export unless the same shall be properly marked.

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