

Regulations relating to Packing of Fruit in the Cook Islands.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 2nd day of
March, 1925.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section fifty-three of the Cook Islands Act, 1915, to make all such regulations as he thinks necessary for the peace, order, or good government of the Cook Islands, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations relating to the packing of fruit in the Cook Islands; and doth declare that the regulations hereby made shall form part of and be read together with the regulations providing for the inspection and fumigation of fruit made by Order in Council on the ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 1925.

2. The word "Inspector" shall be deemed to include the Resident Agent at any island, in addition to the persons named in the said regulations of the 9th day of June, 1916.

3. All oranges intended for export shall be packed in packing-sheds to be registered as hereinafter provided.

4. (a.) An application to register a packing-shed shall be made to an Inspector, who shall register the same if satisfied as to the suitability of the proposed building, both as to site and construction.

(b.) No alteration in the site or construction of a registered shed shall be made without the approval in writing of an Inspector.

(c.) Registration must be renewed each year not later than the 31st day of January.

(d.) Any person aggrieved by the decision of an Inspector under the provisions of this clause may appeal to the Resident Commissioner, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

5. All principal buyers of oranges or bananas must have registered packing-sheds wherein all such fruit bought by them shall be packed, but nothing herein shall preclude a principal buyer from selling his fruit nor an exporter from selling his fruit on his bill of lading, after the same has been duly packed as provided by these regulations.

"Exporter" shall be deemed to mean a person to whom an allotment of space is granted by a shipping company.

6. (a.) Oranges and bananas intended for export shall be picked or cut only on dates specified in that behalf by an Inspector.

(b.) All oranges shall be stored in a registered packing-shed not later than a time to be fixed by an Inspector on the last day specified for picking as hereinbefore provided.

(c.) Packing of oranges shall not commence before a time to be fixed by an Inspector.

(d.) Notice of such dates for picking, cutting, storing, and packing fruit shall be posted in each village, or given in some other sufficient manner.

(e.) Fruit picked or cut or stored contrary to the provisions of this clause may be condemned by an Inspector, and thereupon the same shall not be removed without his written permission.

7. The Resident Commissioner may, on the recommendation of an Island Council of any island, direct that these regulations shall, in such island, apply to the picking and packing of bananas, tomatoes, or any other fruit to be specified in such direction, and such direction shall have the force of law.

8. (a.) The Inspector shall allot to each packing-shed a registration number, which the owner shall affix in a conspicuous place in the front of the building.

(b.) Such number shall be marked on the carter's note for presentation on inspection.