

Regulations under the Products Export Act, 1908, as to the Grading and Export of New Zealand Hemp, and other Phormium Products.—Notice No. Ag. 2657.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 6th day of June, 1927.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Products Export Act, 1908, (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the regulations governing the grading and export of New Zealand hemp made under the said Act respectively on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, the thirteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* respectively on the twenty-third day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at page 3282, the twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, at page 147, and the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, at page 1865: and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the following regulations; and doth hereby declare that such revocation shall take effect, and the regulations hereby made shall come into force on and after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

1. (1) THESE regulations may be cited as "The Hemp-grading Regulations, 1927."

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"Grader" means any hemp-grader appointed under the said Act :

"Hemp" means the dressed fibre of the plant *Phormium tenax*, but does not include tow, stripper-tow, or stripper-slips :

"Mill" means any premises in which phormium products are baled for export :

"Miller" means the occupier of a mill, and includes the occupier's agent or manager, and also includes in the case of a company, the managing director, manager, secretary, or other principal officer of the company in New Zealand :

"Owner" means any owner, shipper, or consignor of phormium products, and includes the agent of any such owner, shipper, or consignor, and also includes in the case of a company the managing director, manager, secretary, or other principal officer of the company in New Zealand :

"Phormium products" means hemp, tow, stripper-tow, or stripper-slips :

"Stripper-slips" means the waste fibre which has been produced during the process of stripping *Phormium tenax*, and which has not been carded :

"Stripper-tow" means the waste fibre which has been produced during the process of stripping *Phormium tenax*, and which has been carded :

"Tin" includes tin-plate :

"Tow" means the waste fibre produced during the process of scutching *Phormium tenax*.

PACKING.

2. (1) All phormium products for export shall be packed in bales of the following weight, after leaving the press, and, approximately, of the following dimensions—

	Weight not exceeding	Length.	Width.	Depth.
Hemp ..	4 cwt.	4 ft.	2 ft.	Optional.
Tow ..	3 cwt.	4 ft.	2 ft.	3 ft.
Stripper-slips ..	3 cwt.	4 ft. 2 in.	2 ft. 4 in.	Optional.
Stripper-tow ..	3 cwt.	4 ft.	2 ft.	3 ft.

(2) No bale of hemp shall contain any hank exceeding 5 lb. in weight.

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(3) Each bale of hemp shall be securely bound with five bands neatly made of hemp, tow, or stripper-tow, and each bale of tow, stripper-tow, or stripper-slips with either four or five such bands.

(4) If the bands are made of tow their total weight per bale shall not exceed 3 lb. for five bands, or 2½ lb. for four bands.

(5) The bands shall be an even distance apart, the outer ones being 5 in. from the ends of the bale.

Provided that, where it is necessary for the purpose of transit from his mill, any miller may forward his phormium products to the appointed grading-store in packages of less dimensions than those prescribed, and with the registered brand as provided for in clause 4 hereof attached in any suitable and conspicuous manner. Such packages shall, as soon as possible after arrival at the appointed grading-store, be repacked into bales in accordance with this clause, and shall at the same time have wire and tags inserted in accordance with subclauses (1) and (2) of clause 3.

TAGS.

3. (1) Every miller shall cause to be placed in each bale of phormium products baled by him for export, before it leaves his mill, a piece of wire not lighter than 16 guage, about 2 ft. long, with tags securely attached to the ends thereof, as indicated in diagram No. 1 of the First Schedule hereto, as follows :—

(a) In the middle of the bale a tin tag 4½ in. long and 2½ in. wide, and of the shape shown in diagram No. 2 in the said First Schedule; and

(b) Outside the bale a tag made of strong white canvas with smooth surface, or other material approved in writing by the Chief Hemp Grader, 5 in. long by 2½ in. wide, and of the shape shown in diagram No. 3 in the said First Schedule. The end of the wire after passing through the tag placed outside the bale shall be tightly twisted round the main wire for a distance of at least 3 in. from the end of the tag in the manner indicated in diagram No. 3 in the said First Schedule.

(2) Every tag shall bear, in letters and figures ¼ in. in height, the registered brand of the mill where the phormium products were baled, and a consecutive number, not exceeding 9999, which shall be deemed the number of the bale. In the case of the tin tag, the brand and number shall be clearly impressed in the metal, in the case of the tag placed outside the bale the brand and number shall be printed in black ink.

BRANDS.

4. (1) Every miller shall, in respect of each mill of which he is the occupier, apply to the Chief Hemp Grader for registration of the brand or brands intended to be used by him in compliance with clause 3 of these regulations, and no miller shall use any such brand until he has been advised by the Chief Hemp Grader that it has been registered. Every such application for registration shall be in or to the effect of the form numbered 1 set out in the Second Schedule hereto. Forms can be obtained free of charge from the Chief Hemp Grader. No brand shall be registered which, in the opinion of the Chief Hemp Grader, is likely to lead to mistakes or confusion, or is for any other reason undesirable for use as a brand.

(2) Brands which have been or are deemed to have been registered in accordance with the regulations hereby revoked, shall be deemed to have been registered in accordance with these regulations.

(3) Any brand already registered for hemp or hereafter registered in accordance with these regulations, may be used for hemp, tow, stripper-tow, or stripper-slips.

(4) Any miller disposing of the mill in respect of which any brand has been registered as provided in this clause may, by writing addressed to the Chief Hemp Grader, transfer his right to such brand to the person to whom he has disposed of the mill, and the Chief Hemp Grader shall thereupon alter the register accordingly.

(5) No fee will be charged for the registration or transfer of millers' brands.

(6) The Chief Hemp Grader may at any time, after giving any miller one month's notice in writing, cancel such miller's brand if satisfied that it has not been used during the preceding three years.

GRADING STORES.

5. The stores specified in this clause (herein called "appointed grading-stores") are hereby appointed the only stores in New Zealand for the examination and grading therein of phormium products—that is to say, the stores occupied by