after such examination as he thinks necessary, and if satisfied that the certificate applies to the potatoes proposed to be introduced, that such potatoes are in fact free from disease as so certified, and that the law has been otherwise complied with, issue a permit, in the form in the Second Schedule hereto, authorizing such potatoes to be landed and disposed of without further restriction:

Provided, however, that possession of such a certificate shall not relieve any person seeking to introduce such potatoes from any other liabilities he may be subject to under the provisions of the said Act or these regulations.

(3) If any potatoes are introduced or attempted to be introduced into New Zealand without being accompanied by the certificate prescribed by these regulations as necessary for such potatoes, such potatoes may, together with any package containing the same, or with which the same may have been in contact, be seized by an Inspector or other person authorized by the Minister in that behalf, or an officer of Customs, and be destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as such Inspector or other person or officer deems fit, at the expense of the owner or person in charge thereof.

(4) If any potatoes are introduced or attempted to be introduced into New Zealand which, though accompanied by the certificate prescribed as necessary for such potatoes, are yet found on examination by an Inspector to be infected with disease, such potatoes shall, together with any packages or wrappings containing or surrounding the same, or with which the same may have been in contact, be either reshipped at once to a port or place beyond New Zealand by the person introducing or attempting to introduce them, or be destroyed at the expense of the owner or the person in charge thereof.

(5) In any case in which he considers such a course necessary for the purpose of determining whether disease is actually present or not, it shall be competent for the Inspector to despatch samples from any consignment to a Government laboratory for special examination, and the consignment shall not be removed or dealt with in any way, otherwise than by reshipment, until the result of such special examination is known, and shall then be dealt with according to such of the preceding clauses hereof as may be applicable.

(6) No fees shall be charged for inspection, but all labour connected with the opening and repacking of packages of potatoes for that purpose shall be provided at the expense of the owner or person in charge thereof.

(7) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who knowingly or otherwise—

(*a*) In any way introduces, attempts to introduce, or is concerned in introducing or attempting to introduce any potatoes infected with disease, or who keeps, sells, or exposes or offers for sale or barter potatoes so introduced, or in any way causes the distribution of same:

(*b*) Removes or attempts to remove or is concerned in removing any potatoes, or package or wrapping containing the same from any wharf or vessel or landing-place within New Zealand without first having obtained a permit from the Inspector in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

5. Admission of Seed Potatoes.

(1) Seed potatoes may be imported by post only, and in lots not exceeding 12 lb. in weight.

(2) All such potatoes shall be addressed in the care of the Director.

(3) Upon their arrival in the Dominion such potatoes shall, until planted, be retained in the custody or control of the Director, and shall be grown on land approved by the Director for the purpose and under his supervision, but at the expense in all things of the owner.

(4) No such potatoes when so planted, and no potatoes grown therefrom, shall be taken out of the ground without the written consent of the Director given on his being satisfied that such potatoes are not infected with disease.

(5) If in his opinion any such potatoes are infected with disease the Director may at any time order their destruction, and any expense incurred in this connection shall be borne by the owner.

(6) Upon being notified by the Director that he has authorized the release of such potatoes the owner shall make all necessary arrangements for digging, bagging, and taking delivery thereof. Any charges that may have been incurred in providing containers for the carriage of the potatoes and any other expenses incurred in connection with such potatoes shall be met by the owner, and shall be paid before delivery of the potatoes is given.

(7) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who in any way introduces, attempts to introduce, or is concerned in introducing or attempting to introduce any seed potatoes otherwise than through the post as hereinbefore provided and in lots not exceeding 12 lb. in weight, or who grows or deals with any imported seed potatoes, or potatoes grown therefrom, or causes or permits the same to be grown or dealt with otherwise than according to the provisions of these regulations.

6. Recovery of Expenses.

The amount of any expenses imposed by these regulations upon the owner or person in charge of any potatoes shall be assessed by the Director in accordance with the time and labour (whether of officers of the Government or otherwise) involved and the material used, and when so assessed shall be deemed to be a fee fixed in pursuance of section 20 of the said Act, and shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Crown in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

The Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908.

*Official Certificate to accompany Potatoes from to New Zealand.*

I hereby certify that—

(*a*) I have examined the undermentioned packages of potatoes,

(*b*) The potatoes are entirely free from disease,

(*c*) They were grown at on premises known after due investigation not to be infected with disease, and

(*d*) They are packed in clean new sacks.

Number of sacks: . Marks: .

Consignor:

Consignee:

Shipped per:

*Signature*.....

Official designation:

Address:

Date:

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

The Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908.

*Permit to land Potatoes.*

To the Landing Waiter, His Majesty's Customs.

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Please allow to be landed and delivered to at the Port of (but not elsewhere), the following packages of potatoes ex :—

| Number, Mark, and Description. | Number, Mark, and Description. |
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[*Inspector under the Act.*]

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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*Declaring Additional Diseases under the Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, and extending the Second Schedule of the Act to include the said Diseases.—Notice No. Ag. 2062.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 4th day of July, 1927.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Orchard and Garden Diseases Act, 1908, 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 declare that on and after the date of the gazetting hereof the diseases named in the Schedule hereto shall be diseases within the meaning of the said Act; and, with the like advice and consent, doth hereby extend the Second Schedule to the said Act by including the aforesaid diseases therein.

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SCHEDULE.

Fusarial diseases (*Fusarium spp*).
Mosaic diseases.
Powdery scab (*Spongospora subterranea*).
Potato Moth (*Lita solanella*).
Stem wilt (*Bacillus solanisaprus*).

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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