

Regulations relating to the Export of Honey from New Zealand.—Notice No. Ag. 2726.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 9th day of June, 1928.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. COATES, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section sixteen of the Apiaries Act, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as 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 relating to the export of honey made on the thirteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and also all amendments thereto, and doth make the following regulations for the purpose aforesaid; and doth declare that the said revocation and the regulations hereby made shall come into force on the date of publication of this Order in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

1. FOR the purposes of these regulations,—

“Director” means the Director of the Horticulture Division of the Department of Agriculture :

“Dominion” means the Dominion of New Zealand, exclusive of the Cook Islands :

“Grader” means any honey-grader appointed under the said Act :

“Owner” means any owner, shipper, or consignor of honey, 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.

2. (1) No person shall knowingly export honey of a specific gravity of less than 1.420.

(2) No honey shall be exported from the Dominion until it has been graded as hereinafter provided, and until the other provisions of these regulations have been complied with.

3. Honey shall not be exported from the Dominion excepting at the ports of Auckland, New Plymouth, Wellington, Lyttleton, Greymouth, Timaru, Dunedin, and Bluff, and at such other ports as the Director may authorize and publicly notify from time to time.

4. The Director shall from time to time appoint and publicly notify stores as grading-stores for the purpose of grading honey. He shall also appoint and publicly notify the days and times during which the grading of honey for export shall be undertaken at such stores.

5. (1) The owner of the honey intended for export shall forward it to one of the appointed grading-stores at least three days before the commencement of the grading period during which it is desired that the honey should be graded.

(2) He shall at the same time give to the Grader at the grading-store to which the honey has been sent an advice note in the form set out in the First Schedule hereto, or to the effect thereof.

(3) Where there is any noticeable difference in the class or standard of honey forwarded to an appointed grading-store in one lot and under one brand, the owner shall submit such honey in separate parcels, each parcel containing honey of a uniform class and standard, with a distinguishing mark on the end of each package of honey in each such parcel, and the advice-note to the Grader shall show the distinguishing mark of each such parcel. If any such honey is submitted otherwise than in separate parcels and marked as aforesaid, the Grader may reject it until the provisions hereof have been complied with, or he may cause the honey to be sorted and marked, and any charges incurred shall be paid by the owner on demand.

(4) Every person who wilfully supplies false information on any advice-note as aforesaid commits a breach of these regulations.

(5) Every owner of honey sending the same to any of the appointed grading-stores must make his own arrangements for the transit of the honey to and from the store, and also for its receipt, storage, opening-up for grading, repacking, delivery, shipment, and any other service, including insurance and protection from damage and loss of any kind.

(6) Subject to the provisions of clause 20 hereof, no honey submitted to a grade store shall be graded—

- (a) Unless or until it is in a granulated form;
- (b) Unless it is free from any flavour or odour generally recognized as disagreeable;

(c) If it is contaminated with honey-dew or other foreign material; or

(d) If at any time it has been fermented or had its flavour changed by overheating.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 20 hereof all honey intended for export shall be contained in clean strongly constructed tins, which when packed shall weigh not less than 56 lb and not more than 60 lb. The tins shall not have been used for any other purpose and shall be oiled with boiled linseed oil on the outside to prevent rusting.

(2) Each tin shall be provided with a leak-proof lid, not more than 3 in. in diameter, which is capable of being easily removed and replaced. After grading and prior to export all lids, except those known as screw tops, shall be secured by means of soldering or other method approved by the Director.

(3) The tins shall be packed in clean cases which shall have planed ends, and be constructed of strong well-seasoned timber, and strapped with metal strapping or wire.

(4) The weight of honey in any one case shall not exceed one hundred and twenty pounds.

7. (1) The owner of honey for export shall, before sending it to an appointed grading-store, cause the packages to be clearly and indelibly branded with an export brand to be approved and registered by the Director as hereinafter provided.

(2) The brand shall contain the words “New Zealand Produce—Pure Honey,” and the name of the owner; provided that either in lieu of or in combination with the name of the owner there may be used such other words or such designs as the Director may approve for the purpose.

(3) The net weight of the honey shall also be branded on the packages.

(4) A shipper's brand or mark may also be branded upon the packages.

(5) One end of each package shall be kept clear for the grade-mark to be placed thereon by the Grader.

8. (1) Every person intending to ship honey for export shall make application to the Director, in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the effect thereof, for the registration of the export brand prescribed in clause 7 of these regulations.

(2) The Director may, if in his opinion the use of the brand to which the application relates is not likely to lead to mistakes or confusion, approve and register the brand, and shall forthwith notify the applicant of the result of his application.

(3) No person shall use any export brand unless and until he has been notified by the Director that it has been registered.

(4) The Director may at any time, after giving one month's notice in writing to the owner thereof, cancel the registration of any export brand if satisfied that it has not been used during the preceding two years in connection with the export of honey.

9. For the purposes of grading, honey will be divided into five classes according to colour—viz., water white, white, light amber, medium amber, and dark.

10. For the purpose of the grading of honey the maximum number of points that may be allotted in respect of the several qualities is as follows:—

Quality.	Points.
Flavour	50
Colour	10
Condition.. .. .	15
Grain or texture	15
Freedom from scum and froth	10
Total	100

11. (1) The following will be the standards upon which the grades of honey will be determined:—

Special Grade : 94 to 100 points, both inclusive.

A or Prime Grade : 88 to 93½ points, both inclusive.

B or Good Grade : 80 to 87½ points, both inclusive.

(2) A charge of one-tenth of a penny per lb. will be made on honey withdrawn from the grading-store after having been graded and approved for export; otherwise no charge will be made for the grading of honey during any period specified from time to time in pursuance of clause 4.

(3) Honey which it is desired should be graded at a time not specified in pursuance of clause 4 hereof shall be graded only upon the owner of such honey undertaking to pay an amount equivalent to the travelling-expenses of the Grader, plus one pound per day for the time occupied by him in connection with such grading, including the time spent in travelling to the grade store and back to his headquarters, with a minimum charge of one pound.

12. As soon as possible after grading any honey the Grader shall stamp on the packages containing the honey a mark (herein called the “grade-mark”) indicating the grade of