

9. MARKING OF CASES.

(1) No person shall export or attempt to export any fruit unless the case, package, or other container thereof is marked in accordance with these regulations, and an Inspector may refuse to allow to be exported any case, package, or other container not so marked, or may refuse to issue a certificate under Regulation 3 hereof in respect of fruit packed in any case, package, or other container not so marked.

(2) All cases shall be marked on one end as follows :—

(a) In the top left-hand corner the number of the packing-shed shall be marked in block figures of two inches.

(b) In the case of oranges the grade shall be marked in the top right-hand corner in block figures of one inch, and underneath the grade the number of oranges in the case shall be marked in block figures of one inch.

(c) The grower's number as hereinbefore provided shall be marked in the bottom left-hand corner in block figures of two inches.

(d) In the case of bananas and tomatoes owners may, in the top right-hand corner, mark in block figures and letters of one inch, the net weight of the contents of the case. The weight so stated shall be deemed to be the warranty of the owner, and shall not cast any responsibility on the Cook Islands Administration.

(e) The registered export brand of the allottee shall be marked on both ends of the case in block letters or designs four inches in height in the case of oranges and bananas, and three inches in the case of tomatoes.

(f) With any other brands or marks prescribed by these regulations.

(3) All sacks, packages, or other containers for fruit or vegetable produce not provided for in the last preceding clause hereof shall be marked on the side with the grower's number and export brand in figures and letters of the sizes above prescribed.

(4) There may be used in conjunction with the aforesaid marks any design or other particulars approved by the Director.

10. DISTRICT PACKING-SHEDS IN RAROTONGA.

(1) Save as hereinafter provided all fruit intended for export from the Island of Rarotonga shall be conveyed to, graded and packed in, one or other of the seven district packing-sheds already erected, or in course of erection, at the following places—viz., Takuvaine ; Avatiu ; Arorangi ; Titikaveka ; Ngatangia-Muri ; Matavera ; and Tupapa-Marairenga. And no person shall, in the Island of Rarotonga, pack any fruit for export at any other place whatsoever.

(2) The above-mentioned sheds shall be deemed to be for the use of the registered growers in the districts or taperes set out after the name of each, as follows :—

Name of Shed.	District or Tapere.
Takuvaine	Takuvaine, Tauae.
Avatiu	Avatiu Ruatonga, Atupa, Kaikaveka, Teotue, Areanu, Puapuautu, Nikao, Pokoinu.
Arorangi	Includes all taperes from Pokoimo-i-raro to Rutaki, both inclusive.
Titikaveka	Includes all taperes from Tikioki to Vaimaanga, both inclusive.
Ngatangia-Muri	Comprises the taperes of Avana and Turangi, and includes all taperes from Mai to Aroko, both inclusive.
Matavera	Pouara, Vaenga, Matavera, Titana.
Tupapa-Marairenga	Tupapa, Marairenga.

Provided, however, that a grower may take his fruit to another or more convenient shed if the Committee of that shed consents.

(3) In respect of each shed the Committee of seven persons already constituted in connection therewith, and representing the native growers by whom the shed was erected, shall forthwith make to the Director an application to register the same, and if and when he is satisfied as to the suitability of the building as to site, construction, and condition, the Director shall register the same as a packing-shed under these regulations.

(4) Where the Chairman of a Committee is an Ariki or a member of the Island Council of Rarotonga he shall retain such office of Chairman until he shall cease to be an Ariki or member of the Council. The person who shall be duly elected or appointed the successor to such Ariki or member of the Council shall thereupon become a member (if he is not already a member) and shall become, *ex officio*, the Chairman of the Committee concerned.

(5) The Committees as at present constituted shall hold office permanently, and in case of the death of any member he shall be replaced by popular vote of the native growers, save in the case of the Chairman as provided in the last preceding clause :