

Provided that, in special circumstances the Native growers may by popular vote elect some suitable person to replace a member of the Committee, but such change shall not take place unless first approved by the Resident Commissioner :

Provided, also, that the Resident Commissioner may in his discretion by notice in writing to the Chairman, remove any member of a Committee on the ground of grave misconduct or incapacity to act, and such member shall be replaced by popular vote as aforesaid.

(6) Each Committee shall, in respect of its own particular shed—

(a) Maintain, enlarge, alter, or improve the same as requested from time to time by the Director. Any Committee may call on the registered growers using its packing-shed to assist the Committee in carrying out its obligations hereunder :

(b) Assist in the management of the shed as required from time to time by the Director or the Inspector in charge of the shed.

(7) (a) Under the following conditions only the Director may grant to any European Planter exemption from the requirements of clause (1) of this regulation, viz :—

(i) The planter must possess on his own plantation a building which in the opinion of the Director is suitable, both as to site and construction, for the storage and packing of fruit. Such building shall be registered as a packing-shed by the Director.

(ii) He must pack therein only fruit grown on his own plantation and not fruit bought by him.

(iii) The standard of grading and packing of such fruit must in all respects meet with the requirements of the Director.

(b) Such exemption may be granted from year to year (ending 31st December), but may at any time be revoked by the Director if the aforesaid provisions are not strictly complied with.

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

(8) The Director shall allot to each registered district packing-shed a number which shall be affixed in a conspicuous place in front of the building.

(9) The Cook Islands Administration shall have the control of all District packing-sheds.

(10) All buyers of fruit or allottees shall have the right to pack or to have the same packed (as the case may require) in a district packing-shed or packing-sheds.

(11) In district packing-sheds the packing of oranges and other citrus fruits shall be carried out by the Administration under the supervision of an Inspector.

(12) Owners or buyers of bananas, tomatoes, and other fruits for export (other than citrus fruits) shall be responsible for the packing of the same, under the supervision of an Inspector.

#### 11. PACKING-SHEDS IN OUTER ISLANDS.

(1) In any island other than Rarotonga, no person shall pack any fruit intended for export at any place except at a packing-shed registered under these regulations.

(2) (a) An application to register a packing-shed shall be made to the Resident Agent, who shall register the same if satisfied as to the suitability of the proposed building, as to site, construction, and condition.

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

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

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

(e) The Resident Agent shall allot to each packing-shed, registered as hereinbefore provided, a number which the owner shall affix in a conspicuous place in the front of the building.

#### 12. TOMATO-CULTURE.

(1) All tomato-plants must be raised from the seed in boxes, and all plants found to have been raised in beds may be destroyed, or ordered to be destroyed, by an Inspector.

(2) As soon as the tomato-crop has been harvested, the plants and stakes shall be removed from the land upon which such crop was grown and the plants shall be destroyed, and the land shall be ploughed in order to prevent disease. Unless this is done an Inspector may forbid the use of the same land for the growing of tomatoes during the next succeeding season.