

(3) No person shall raise, grow, or harvest tomatoes, or cause or suffer tomatoes to be raised, grown, or harvested, otherwise than in conformity with the provisions contained in this regulation.

13. PICKING AND HANDLING OF FRUIT.

(1) No person shall pick or cut oranges or bananas intended for export at any other times than on dates specified in that behalf by an Inspector in manner provided by this regulation.

(2) No person shall store any oranges intended for export elsewhere than in a registered packing-shed, and not later than a time to be fixed by an Inspector on the last day specified for picking as hereinbefore provided.

(3) No person shall commence the packing of oranges for export before a time to be fixed by an Inspector.

(4) Notice of such dates and times for picking, cutting, storing, and packing fruit shall be posted by the Inspector in each village, or given in some other sufficient manner.

(5) Fruit picked or cut or stored contrary to the provisions of this regulation may be condemned by an Inspector, and thereupon no person shall remove the same from the premises where they are lying when condemned without the written permission of an Inspector.

(6) It shall be an offence to pick, cart, carry, load, or in any way handle any fruit intended for export, in any manner whatsoever which is calculated to bruise or injure such fruit.

(7) No person shall carry or transport, or cause to be carried or transported, any fruit intended for export unless the same is fully protected from rain by tarpaulins or other suitable and waterproof covering.

14. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

(1) It shall be the duty of every Inspector duly appointed for any island or district to see that all directions given by the Director under these regulations are duly carried out, and generally to assist the Director in enforcing the provisions of these regulations.

(2) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who directly or indirectly obstructs, hinders, or interrupts, or threatens, or assaults, or uses abusive or improper language to an Inspector, or other authorized officer, whilst in the performance of his duty under these regulations.

(3) Notwithstanding the enforcement by the Director or an Inspector of any of the powers vested in him by these regulations, every person who directly or indirectly by himself, his servant or agent, offends against any of the provisions of these regulations, or fails to faithfully observe or perform any duty or obligation thereby imposed on him, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20 for every such offence.

(4) All penalties and other moneys recovered or received under these regulations shall be paid into the Cook Islands Treasury, and shall (except as provided by clause (3) of Regulation 15 hereof) form part of the general revenue of the Cook Islands.

15. FEES.

(1) The fees for inspection, packing, fumigation, and destruction of fruit or plants under these regulations shall be as follows:—

- (a) Inspection and fumigation of oranges at Rarotonga, 4d. for every case or package.
- (b) Inspection at Rarotonga of all fruit other than oranges, 4d. for every case, kit, or package.
- (c) Packing of oranges and other citrus fruits in district sheds at Rarotonga, 2d. for every case.
- (d) Inspection (and fumigation, where necessary) of all fruit at Group Islands, 2d. for every case, kit, or package.
- (e) Destruction by an Inspector, or other authorized person, of any fruit, 6d. for every case, kit, package, or bunch.
- (f) Destruction or fumigation by an Inspector, or other authorized officer, of live plants introduced into any island, 6d. for every parcel of twenty-five plants or cuttings of plants. Minimum charge, 6d.

The Resident Commissioner may from time to time, and for such period or periods as he shall fix, reduce all or any of the above fees.

(2) The fees for inspection and fumigation as hereinbefore prescribed shall, if not otherwise paid, be payable by the master, agent, or owners of the ship by which such fruit is to be exported. The Collector or other proper officer of Customs shall have power to detain the ship until he is satisfied that the full amount of fees has been, or will be, paid. All such fees shall be paid into the Cook Islands Account at Rarotonga. The Resident Commissioner may authorize the Treasurer of the Cook Islands Administration at Rarotonga to pay to the master, agent, or owners of the ship by which such fruit is