

GUERNSEY

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

1951 No. 13

THE EXPORT OF TOMATOES (GRADING) ORDER, 1951.

The States Committee for Horticulture, under and by virtue of The Export of Tomatoes Law, 1949, as extended by The Export of Tomatoes Law, 1949, (Continuance) Law, 1950, hereby orders:-

1. For the purposes of this Order, tomatoes at the time of export shall be graded as follows:-

- (a) Select Sunrise. Tomatoes measuring over $2 \frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter but not exceeding $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- (b) Select Star. Tomatoes measuring over $1 \frac{13}{16}$ inches in diameter but not exceeding $2 \frac{3}{16}$ inches.
- (c) Select Diamond. Tomatoes measuring over $1 \frac{9}{16}$ inches in diameter but not exceeding $1 \frac{13}{16}$ inches.
- (d) Select Circle. Tomatoes measuring over $1 \frac{5}{16}$ inches in diameter but not exceeding $1 \frac{9}{16}$ inches.

Tomatoes in order to fall within the above grades must be free from disease and blemishes, including those known to prevent full red colouration on maturity, smooth skinned and round.

- (e) Triangle. Tomatoes of 1 to 12 to the pound each weighing over $1 \frac{1}{3}$ ounces.

Such tomatoes must be free from disease and reasonably free from blemishes, distortion, discolouration and damage.

- (f) Square. Tomatoes not smaller than 24 to the pound each weighing not less than two-thirds of an ounce.

Such tomatoes may be blemished, and discoloured up to one-third of the area of the tomato, but must be fit for human consumption.

2. No person shall export, or cause to be exported, or attempt to export, tomatoes unless on the day of export or attempted export they fall within one of the six grades set out in the preceding paragraph, and comply with the following conditions:-

- (a) They must be clean, firm, of merchantable quality, free from any defect which may affect keeping quality, and have reached but not exceeded a stage of maturity whereby it can reasonably be expected that within 72 hours after the day of export, those tomatoes would have ripened satisfactorily.
- (b) They must be packed in containers of a type approved by the said Committee and the interior of each such container shall be lined with not less than two sheets of packing paper each of which shall be not less than 18 inches by 14 inches in dimension and of the colour appropriate to the grade of tomatoes contained therein.
- (c) The colours appropriate to the aforementioned grades are as follows:-

Select Sunrise	= Pink;	Select Star	= Pink and White;
Select Diamond	= Yellow;	Select Circle	= Blue;
Triangle	= White;	Square	= Green.

- (d) They must be packed in containers clearly marked at each end with a stamp of a type approved by the said Committee, bearing a symbol indicating the grade of tomato so contained and, in legible figures, the identification number assigned to the exporter of that consignment. In cases where a rubber stamp is used, the impression must be legible and waterproof.

3. For the purposes of this Order, the expression "export" shall mean delivery of tomatoes to the place of their intended departure from this Island.

4. All tomatoes and the containers thereof, exported or delivered to any place for export shall at all times be subject to inspection by inspectors appointed by the States Supervisor, and every exporter of tomatoes shall give any such Inspector reasonable facilities for such inspection on demand made by such Inspector.

5. Any person convicted of a contravention of this Order shall be liable on conviction by the Magistrate to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds for the first offence, or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

6. The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an enactment.

7. This Order shall come into force on the first day of March, 1951.

R. O. FALLA.

President,
States Committee for Horticulture.

States Office,
GUERNSEY.
18th January, 1951.

- NOTE: (1) The initial set of rubber stamps provided for in paragraph 2 (d) will be supplied by the Guernsey Tomato Shipping Board.
- (2) In order to assist packers to comply with the requirements as to the grading of tomatoes, new measurement gauges will be on sale. These will serve as a guide for denoting the size limits of the Select grades.

The gauge issued for the 1950 season must not be used.