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AMENDED - See S.I. 66 of 50. See S.I. 155 of 50.
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

1950 No. 27

The Export of Tomatoes (Grading) Order, 1950.

The States Committee for Horticulture, under and by virtue of The Export of Tomatoes Law, 1949, hereby order:-

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

- (a) Pink. Tomatoes of 4 to 8 to the pound, each weighing not more than 4 ounces nor less than 2 ounces.
- (b) Pink and White. Tomatoes of 8 to 12 to the pound, each weighing not more than 2 ounces nor less than 1 1/3rd ounces.
- (c) Yellow. Tomatoes of 12 to 16 to the pound, each weighing not more than 1 1/3rd ounces nor less than 1 ounce.

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 reasonably round.

- (d) White. Tomatoes of 1 to 12 to the pound, each weighing over 1 1/3rd ounces.
- (e) Blue. Tomatoes of 12 to 24 to the pound, each weighing not more than 1 1/3rd ounces nor less than 2/3rds of an ounce.

Tomatoes, in order to fall within grades (d) and (e) above must be free from disease, and reasonably free from blemishes, distortion, discolouration and damage.

- (f) Green. 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 1/3rd of the area of the tomato but must be fit for human consumption, of merchantable quality, and free from any injury which may affect keeping quality.

2. No person shall export, or cause to be exported, or attempt to export, or cause the export to be attempted of, 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 show distinct signs of colouration away from green.
- (b) They must not be hard-green or immature.
- (c) They must not be over-ripe or soft.
- (d) They must be clean and firm.
- (e) They must be packed in containers suitably lined with tomato packing paper of the colour or colours appertaining to the particular grade, in such manner that the colour of the paper can be readily distinguished without removing the lid of the container, and
- (f) ~~In the case of tomatoes of the Pink and White grade, a label printed "P" and "W" must be attached to each end of the container.~~

Substitution by S.I.
No 66/1950

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

4. Tomatoes exported, or the export of which is attempted, will be subject to inspection at any time or place by inspectors appointed by the States Supervisor, and every exporter of such tomatoes shall give any such inspector reasonable facilities for such inspection on demand made by such inspector.

→ Inaction of two paras by S.I. 66/1950

5. This Order shall come into force on the 27th day of March 1950.

(signed) E.T. WEEADON.

Vice-President,
States Committee for Horticulture.

NOTE: In order to assist packers to distinguish between the various grades provided for in this Order, measurement gauges have been made with holes to denote the size of tomatoes of various weights, for use as a guide for determining the above grades. Arrangements are being made whereby growers will be able to purchase these measurement gauges.

The comparative weights per pound and approximate measurements are as follows:-

Grade	Weight Range. per lb.	Circumference.		Diameter.	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Pink.	4-8	6 1/2 ins.	8 ins.	2 1/16 ins.	2 9/16 ins.
Pink & White.	8-12	5 5/16"	6 1/2 "	1 11/16 "	2 1/16 "
Yellow.	12-16	4 3/4"	5 5/16"	1 1/2 "	1 11/16 "
Blue.	12-24	4 1/8"	5 5/16"	1 5/16 "	1 11/16 "
White.	1-12	5 5/16"	---	1 11/16 "	---
Green.	1-24	4 1/8 "	---	1 5/16 "	---

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