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The Agricultural Produce Export (Coconut Oil) Rules

Title. 1. These Rules may be cited as the Agricultural Produce Export (Coconut Oil) Rules.

Interpretation.

2. In these Rules—

“applicant” means a person making an application under these Rules as in the Form No. 1 in the Schedule;

“consignment” means any number of drums or tins of coconut oil intended to be shipped as a unit in one ship under one bill of lading and under a specific shipping mark.

Place for inspection and grading.

3.—(1) The inspection and grading of coconut oil shall be carried out in the Customs Area in the Town of Zanzibar.

(2) At the request of the applicant a consignment may be given a preliminary inspection at a factory or godown, but such inspection shall not exempt the consignment from final inspection and grading in the Customs Area before export.

Application and fee for inspection and grading.

4.—(1) Every person intending to export coconut oil shall make application as in Part I of Form No. 1 in the Schedule. The application shall be delivered at the office of the Inspector of Produce (hereinafter in these Rules called “the Inspector”) in Zanzibar Town at least twenty-four hours before the services of the Inspector or an examiner are required, unless in any case the Director shall allow a shorter period than twenty-four hours.

(2) The fee for inspection and grading in the Customs Area shall be ~~one cent per gallon~~ of coconut oil packed for export, and shall be paid on demand to the Inspector.

(3) Where a preliminary inspection is given under paragraph (2) of rule 3, the fee prescribed by paragraph (2) shall be paid, but, if on such inspection the coconut oil is found fit for export, no further fee shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), be payable for inspection and grading in the Customs Area.

(4) Where any coconut oil is required under the provisions of rule 12 or rule 15 to be inspected and graded more than once, the fee prescribed by paragraph (2) shall be paid on each such occasion.

Times for inspection and grading.

5.—(1) The inspection and grading of coconut oil will ordinarily be carried out at the following times—

(a) on any weekday, not being a Saturday or a public holiday, from 7 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) on a Saturday, not being a public holiday, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

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(2) The Inspector may, upon written application being made to him, undertake or allow to be undertaken the inspection and grading of coconut oil on Sundays or public holidays, or at times other than those specified in paragraph (1), on payment of such additional fee for overtime, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Produce Export (Overtime Fees) Rules in respect of the services of every officer or other person employed in or in connection with the inspection and grading, as shall be notified to the applicant by the Inspector.

6. No coconut oil shall be exported from the Protectorate unless it has been inspected and graded by the Inspector or an examiner and the Inspector or examiner is satisfied that it complies with the following requirements for edible oil or industrial oil, as the case may be:—

Requirements with which coconut oil must comply for export.

(a) Edible oil, being pure coconut oil which—

- (i) has been filtered or otherwise clarified; and
- (ii) does not contain more than 0.50% of moisture; and
- (iii) does not contain more than 0.02% of matter insoluble in petroleum ether; and
- (iv) is free from excessive rancidity; and
- (v) does not contain a quantity of fatty acids which, expressed as lauric acid, exceeds 2.9%.

(b) Industrial oil, being pure coconut oil which does not contain—

- (i) more than 1% of moisture; nor
- (ii) more than 1% matter insoluble in petroleum ether; nor
- (iii) a quantity of fatty acids which, expressed as lauric acid, exceeds 8.90%.

7.—(1) The Inspector shall notify an applicant as in Part II of Form No. 1 in the Schedule of the date on and the time and place at which the consignment in respect of which the application was made is to be placed ready for preliminary inspection or final inspection and grading, as the case may be.

Notification of and preparation for inspection and grading.

(2) Every consignment presented for inspection or grading shall be examined by individual drums or tins.

(3) All drums and tins shall be stacked in such manner as the Inspector or an examiner may require for the purpose of facilitating examination; and if they are not so stacked and ready for examination at the time and place notified to the applicant, or not numbered as required by rule 11, the Inspector or examiner may refuse to inspect or grade them and may require the applicant to make further application under rule 4.

8. From any drum or tin presented for inspection the Inspector or an examiner may take and retain a sample of the contents of such drum or tin not exceeding four ounces in weight.

Samples may be taken.

9. A consignment shall not be passed as fit for export unless every drum or tin in the consignment satisfies the requirements of rule 6.

Contents of every container to comply with rule 6.

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Removal of
consignment
for recon-
ditioning.

10.—(1) Any consignment or part thereof which is found not to satisfy the requirements of rule 6 may, with the consent of the Inspector, be removed from the Customs Area for the purpose of being reconditioned, and after the reconditioning a further application shall be made in respect thereof under rule 4.

(2) No such consignment, if not removed under the provisions of paragraph (1), shall be passed for export.

Consignment
number.

11. Every drum or tin of a consignment shall bear, in addition to the usual shipping marks, a number assigned to the consignment by the Inspector, and the number shall be stencilled in figures not less than two inches in height on the drum or tin by the applicant before inspection by the Inspector or an examiner.

Further
inspection
and grading
in certain
cases.

12.—(1) If any consignment or part thereof be removed from the place where it received final inspection under these Rules, for any purpose other than exportation or storage in a place approved for that purpose by the Inspector, he may require the consignment to be again inspected and graded, and in such case the consignment shall not be exported until it has been so inspected and graded and passed as fit for export.

(2) If the Inspector has reason to suspect that any coconut oil awaiting shipment after being passed as fit for export has deteriorated or in any way been treated or interfered with so as to alter its quality, the Inspector or any examiner authorised by him may enter any vessel, shed or store where the coconut oil is and require it to be again inspected and graded, and in such case the coconut oil shall not be exported until it has been so inspected and graded and passed as fit for export.

Requirement
as to
packing.

13. All coconut oil intended for export shall be packed in good sound clean drums or tins, not containing any foreign or superfluous matter or the residue of oil from any previous consignment.

Certificate
for consign-
ment passed
for export.

14. A certificate in Form No. 2 in the Schedule will be issued to the applicant on demand in respect of a consignment which has been inspected and graded and passed as fit for export.

Power to
re-examine
oil already
graded.

15. If the Inspector has reason to believe that an examiner has improperly (whether in collusion with the owner or otherwise) graded coconut oil, he may re-examine all or any part thereof, taking all such steps, including the opening of receptacles, as he may deem necessary for that purpose. If upon such re-examination he shall find that the oil or any part thereof has been improperly graded, he may seize and retain the same or samples thereof for production in evidence in any proceedings which may be instituted in respect thereof, and may in any event require it to be reconditioned and to be again inspected and graded; and in such case the oil shall not be exported until it has been so inspected and graded and passed as fit for export.