

signatures will not be accepted, and each certificate must show the number of bags in writing. Any percentage of decomposed or diseased potatoes as may be determined from time to time by the Department of Agriculture shall condemn the whole consignment.

3. The Certificate mentioned in Regulation 2 may be dispensed with in respect of potatoes imported at the Port of Fremantle and conveyed direct to Southern Cross or Eastward thereof, or imported at the Port of Geraldton and not carried South of a line commencing at a point on the sea-coast one mile South of Dongarra and running due East to the 117th degree of East longitude, or imported at Carnarvon or any Port North thereof, either direct or by way of transhipment at Fremantle or Geraldton, such transhipment to be by the first available vessel.

Provided:

- (a.) That the said potatoes are contained in new and sound bags marked with the letter "P" not less than six inches long;
- (b.) That the said potatoes are conveyed in a vessel leaving or due to leave Melbourne on a Saturday;
- (c.) That the said potatoes are landed direct into trucks or sheds specially set apart for that purpose, and under the direction of an Inspector duly appointed under the Act;
- (d.) That in all other respects these Regulations are duly observed;

Provided, also, that the said potatoes are accompanied by a certificate signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State from which the potatoes were exported to the effect that the potatoes are sound and were grown on a farm free from the disease of Irish Blight.

4. The certificate mentioned in Regulation 2 may also be dispensed with in respect of potatoes imported at Fremantle, Geraldton, or Perth; Provided:—

- (a.) That such potatoes are delivered direct into a shed or sheds (set apart by the Department of Agriculture) for the purpose of being peeled, pickled, or otherwise treated as may be decided upon from time to time by the Under Secretary.
- (b.) That the importer or his agent provides the necessary labour to peel, pickle, or treat the potatoes, which must be done to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other Departmental officer.
- (c.) That the peeling of each consignment shall be completed within one week of being landed.
- (d.) That if the officer in charge is not satisfied with the conduct or work of any person employed on the said peeling premises, he may require such person to leave the premises within such time as he thinks fit, and such person shall leave the premises accordingly. The bags and all peelings will become the property of the Department, and may be disposed of as an Inspector or other officer thinks fit.
- (e.) That each and every importer of potatoes under this regulation must, before clearing his consignment from the shed, cause all peelings and residue therefrom to be properly bagged and sewn up and carefully stacked in such part of the shed or premises as directed by the responsible Officer in charge of shed.
- (f.) That under no conditions whatever will any consignment of potatoes be allowed to remain stored in the said sheds set apart for this work for a longer period than six days, whether they have been peeled or otherwise.
- (g.) That if after peeling any consignment or portion thereof it is found that diseased or discoloured potatoes have been so dealt with and mixed with the sound potatoes, it shall be optional for the Inspector or other Officer in his discretion to order the whole or portion of such consignment to be destroyed.
- (h.) That each and every person handling, by peeling, any consignment of potatoes in the sheds or buildings herein referred to shall carry out such operations within the space allotted to them by the Officer in charge, and shall not in any way encroach on the floor space outside of such boundary.
- (i.) That the fees for supervision, destruction of peelings, bags, etc., shall be two shillings (2s.) per imported bag of potatoes. If all the conditions governing the importation and subsequent treatment of potatoes are not strictly complied with by the importer, his servant or agent, the potatoes may be dumped at sea or otherwise treated or destroyed without notice and at the expense of the importer, his agent or servant.

5. Notwithstanding that the provisions of Regulation 2 have been duly complied with, if the imported potatoes are conveyed by a vessel carrying potatoes under the provisions of Regulation 3 or 4, the first-mentioned potatoes shall not be introduced into the State otherwise than in accordance with Regulation 3 or 4.

6. Any consignment of potatoes being or having been in contact with a diseased or prohibited consignment of potatoes may be destroyed or disinfected or otherwise treated as an Inspector under the said Act may direct.

7. All potatoes imported into Western Australia shall be subject to inspection at the port of entry by an Inspector under the said Act.

8. The importer or his agent shall, within twenty-four hours after the arrival of the potatoes, assist the inspector in such inspection and disinfection, and for such purpose shall, if required, open and empty the bags or packages, or remove the potatoes to any place or shed, and perform all labour incidental to or in connection with such inspection and disinfection.

9. An inspection fee of one penny per hundredweight (fractions of a hundredweight to be charged as a hundredweight, shall be payable by the importer within twenty-four (24) hours after the arrival of the potatoes at the port of entry.

10. If an inspector declares any imported potatoes to be diseased or infected with disease, the importer shall, at the request of the inspector, disinfect, destroy, reship, or otherwise dispose of such potatoes.

11. If any importer or his agent fails or neglects to observe these regulations or to carry out the requirement of an inspector as aforesaid, the inspector may destroy the potatoes or perform the work at the expense in all things of the importer.

12. Imported second-hand potato bags shall be disinfected at the port of entry, as follows, viz.:—

By dipping the said bags and keeping them continually submerged for not less than fifteen minutes in a solution of not less than one pound of bluestone to every ten gallons of water.

13. All bags or packages that have contained imported potatoes may be disinfected or destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Inspector.

BERNARD PARKER,  
Clerk of the Council.

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