

REPORT on a MEETING of the "CONDITIONS"  
sub-COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO  
TRADE ASSOCIATION held at 25 South  
Methven Street, PERTH at 2 p.m. on  
Monday, 28th JUNE, 1982

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.G.H. Fenton (President) (ex officio), K.A. McKenzie, (Convenor), R.G. Ramsay, J.O. Robertson, and R. David Hunter, with D. Blackmore (Assistant Secretary) in attendance.

By invitation, Mr. J.A. McLaren (N.F.U.S. Potatoes Committee) also attended.

Mr. J.G.H. Fenton presided over the Meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Blackmore intimated an apology for absence on behalf of Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. McLaren intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J.W. Hay (N.F.U.S. Potatoes Committee) and J. Fotheringham (Chairman, S.S.P.D.C.).

PROPOSED  
FROST BAN:

Responding to Mr. Fenton's welcome Mr. McLaren confirmed N.F.U.S. support for the need for a ban on export of seed potatoes during periods of prolonged frost. He explained N.F.U.S. had met difficulty when pressing D.A.F.S. to arrange such a ban and he had noted the content of S.P.T.A. notes circulated prior to today's meeting.

Following receipt of a full print of the Northern Ireland Seed Potato Regulations (extracts of which had been precirculated to those present) Mr. Hunter explained he had modified his view on the suitability of appropriately amending the Seed Potato Regulations 1978. He noted the Northern Ireland arrangements depended on withholding or withdrawal of seals and Mr. Blackmore explained the Northern Ireland Regulations required movement permits for all seed potatoes and provided for inspections at higher (importing country) tolerances when required.

During the following very full discussion it was agreed a Scottish ban should be based (a) on preventing loading and movement, from farms and stores to vessels in docks; (b) should be limited to "prolonged" periods of frost; (c) should depend on Meteorological Office forecast warnings to D.A.F.S; (d) such forecasts should be for a "blanket" east-coast strip, not specific locations and (e) should provide 72 hour warning of maximum daylight-hour temperatures of  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower expected to persist over a three day period or longer.

It was further agreed Mr. Hunter would devise the wording of a sub-paragraph (modelled on 8(3) of N.I. Regulations) for insertion into the 1978 Regulations and Mr. Blackmore would obtain a note of Met. Office "areas" along the East Coast of Scotland.

CONDITIONS  
OF SALE FOR  
EXPORT:

During a paragraph by paragraph consideration of the pre-circulated copies of a second draft of Conditions of Sale for Export it was agreed that Para. 8(2) required to be revised; Para. 8(6) should be amended to specify that time limits referred to rejection, claim or complaint and Para. 9(1)(c) should exclude delays outwith the buyer's control.

In respect of Para.11(2) it was felt delivery arrangements and sailing dates might well preclude replacement of any properly rejected consignment. It was agreed an appropriate amendment be made to this sub-para. and Mr. Hunter undertook to give all these various points his attention.

In conclusion it was agreed that in the penultimate line of Para. 15 "Minimum Lending" should be updated to "Base" and Mr. Hunter also agreed to consider whether Para. 16 - Force Majeure-required any amendment after comparison with the equivalent provisions of RUCIP.

CONDITIONS  
OF SALE FOR  
WARE:

In respect of the first draft of proposed Conditions of Sale for Ware potatoes, copies of which had been pre-circulated to the "Conditions" sub-Committee members, brief consideration revealed no comment and the Secretariat was instructed to send a copy of these Conditions to each member of Council before its next Meeting.

The Meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.