

REPORT on a MEETING of the "CONDITIONS"
sub-COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO
TRADE ASSOCIATION held at 25 South Methven
Street, PERTH at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday,
1st JUNE, 1983

PRESENT: Messrs. J.R. McArthur (Vice President, ex officio), K.A. McKenzie (Convenor) and R. David Hunter (Secretary), with D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Blackmore intimated apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. J. Henderson and J.O. Robertson.

There was brief discussion of the Committee's vacancy following Mr. Ramsay's resignation from Council. In view of his Export experience it was felt Mr. Gordon Smillie should be asked to fill this vacancy.

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PURCHASE: Following upon the pre-circulated Report (which was taken as read) of his meeting with NFUS representatives on 24th May, 1983 Mr. Hunter regretted the NFUS rejection of the proposed Condition 17. This presented SPTA with two alternatives for the Committee's consideration. Either the NFUS agreement to consider revised "admixtures-only" Condition 17 should be followed up (to try to achieve NFUS approval of the whole Conditions of Purchase) or SPTA could adopt the whole Conditions of Purchase (including Condition 17 as already proposed) unilaterally.

During discussion it was felt revision of these Conditions of Sale had been altogether too time consuming. Due account was also taken of mounting pressure from Association Members for the earliest possible introduction of them. It was also agreed that prior NFUS approval was a very important consideration. Although restriction to "admixtures only" would not satisfy the prime motive of the proposed Condition 17, it was probably the best compromise that could be obtained. It was also felt that undeclared chemical treatments was a very similar type of problem that should be dealt with in the same way.

It was agreed to re-draft Condition 17 for NFUS consideration and the Secretariat was instructed accordingly. It was also agreed to ask NFUS to indicate its approval of the whole Conditions of Purchase (including the new Condition 17) not later than 29th June, 1983. To this end Mr. Blackmore undertook to arrange to submit direct to Messrs. J.W. Hay and J.A. McLaren, with copies to NFUS Secretariat for information.

The meeting was then concluded.