

MINUTES of a JOINT MEETING of the VARIETIES
and the CONDITIONS sub-COMMITTEES of the
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION in 25
South Meethven Street, PERTH at 2 p.m. on
Friday, 18th MAY, 1990

PRESENT: Messrs. A.C. Galbraith (Convenor), D.H. Lindsay,
J.R. McArthur (ex officio) and D.Y. Stewart, Jnr., with
R.D. Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in
attendance.

Mr. Galbraith took the Chair.

APOLOGIES: The Secretary intimated apologies for absence on
behalf of Messrs. R. Doig (ex officio), J.O. Robertson
and J.M. Swinton.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the joint meeting of the sub-
Committees in Perth on 5th April, 1990 which had been
copied to each sub-Committees member were taken as read.
The Minutes were duly approved and signed to this effect
by the Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING: In respect of the addendum to those Minutes, Mr.
McArthur enlarged on his discussion with DAFS. He
outlined a possible remedy for breaches of breeders
rights would be for rights holders to obtain an interdict
against a grower of an unlicensed crop successfully
classified. This lead to discussion of the effect of
such an interdict in the event that the crop is sold as
ware and whether a Court could order cancellation of a
classification by DAFS.

UNDERTAKINGS/
GUARANTEES: The question of forcing rights holders to sell for
ware growing was re-discussed. This was again agreed to
be fraught with difficulty and probably counter-
productive. Mr. McArthur pointed out that it would not
be in a right holder's own best interests to impede
development of ware growing of his varieties because,
without a consumer end-market, demand for seed of his
varieties would languish and his royalty receipts
diminish. The meeting also agreed that some rights
holders already release seed for contract ware growing in
Scotland and that in such cases the Contract embodied any
undertakings and/or guarantees required by the rights
holder and acceptable to the ware-grower.

During further discussions the meeting considered
whether points of Association policy and aims in these
matters should be formulated. It was proposed that these
should include (a) upholding law; (b) negotiating
changes in Regulations; (c) remedying disadvantages and
(d) encouraging Contracts for ware growing.

TIMETABLE: The sub-Committees reviewed the rights holders
already listed in the Minutes and added McCain Potatoes
(GB) Ltd. to that list. It was also decided to adopt an
"all at once" rather than a "one by one" approach to
those rights holders. To this end it was agreed that on
behalf of genuine ware growers, the Secretariat would
draft an explanatory letter inviving each rights holder
to state their policy and whether they are willing to
supply genuine Scottish ware growers.

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CONDITIONS
OF PURCHASE
FOR WARE:

In a brief discussion a decisive view on the need and practical use of formulating Conditions of Purchase for Ware Potatoes was not reached. It was suggested that preparation of a Code of Practice, preliminary to an approach to NFUS for agreement on formulation of Conditions, would prove to be a better use of time.

The meeting was then concluded.