

REPORT on MEETING between  
representatives of S.P.T.A. and  
N.F.U.S. held at 25 SOUTH METHVEN  
STREET, PERTH, at 9.30 a.m. on  
WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1998.

PRESENT: S.P.T.A.: Messrs. A.B. Pullar, A.M. Beattie, K.A.  
McKenzie, J.B. Hollywood and R.D. Hunter.  
N.F.U.S.: Mr. Bill Reid.

CHAIRMAN: The President of S.P.T.A., Mr. A.B. Pullar, occupied the Chair.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms C. Lang and Mr. S. McLaren.

1. S.P.T.A./N.A.S.P.M. ARBITRATION RULES: Mr. Hunter referred to the final draft of the Arbitration Rules now agreed in principle between S.P.T.A. and N.A.S.P.M. In reply to Mr. Reid, Mr. Hunter stated that the only material difference between the final draft and the draft discussed with the Union at the meeting on 6th June, 1997 was with regard to the provisions concerning Appeals. Mr. Hunter pointed out that these alterations had become necessary as a result of independent Scottish legal advice on Appeal procedures in Scotland. Mr. Reid stated that his Union would formally consider approval of the new Arbitration Rules at the next meeting of its Potato Committee to be held in May of 1998. Mr. Hunter stated that it was hoped to bring the new Rules into operation on 1st July, 1998 and requested the Union to make a decision as quickly as possible.

Mr. Hunter pointed out that the new Rules required that the Scottish Union, the English Union, S.P.T.A. and N.A.S.P.M. each constitute a Panel of Arbiters. Mr. Hunter also explained that the new Rules assumed that the Arbiters were trained and experienced in dealing with Arbitrations. Mr. Hunter confirmed that it was the intention of S.P.T.A. to arrange a Training Seminar to be held in Scotland later in the year.

Mr. Reid undertook to respond to S.P.T.A. regarding the new Arbitration Rules as quickly as possible.

2. CONDITIONS OF SALE AND CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE: Mr. Hunter explained the proposed alterations to the Conditions of Purchase recommended by S.P.T.A. Mr. Reid confirmed that these would also be considered by his Union's Potato Committee as soon as possible.

3. PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF U.K. SEED POTATO CLASSIFICATION SCHEMES: There was a brief discussion regarding the consultation exercise being conducted by The Scottish Office on proposals for revision of the U.K. Seed Potato Classification Schemes. Mr. Reid stated that his Union had not responded to The Scottish Office for the reason that there was to be a meeting of interested parties convened by The Scottish Office later in the year. Mr. Hunter handed to Mr. Reid a copy of S.P.T.A.'s response to The Scottish Office.

This terminated the business of the meeting.