

CHAPTER 333

EXPORTATION OF FRUIT 1940-9

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FRUIT INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

**BARBADOS**

EXPORTATION OF FRUIT

1940-9

An Act to make provision for the examination and certification of fruit and vegetables intended for export.

[Commencement: 29th June, 1940]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Exportation of Fruit Act.

Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression—
“certified fruit” means fruit that has been certified as fit for export by the Fruit Inspector;
“export” applies to fruit shipped for marketing outside the Island;
“fruit” means any fresh fruit, nut or vegetable to which this Act is made to apply by regulations;
“Fruit Inspector” means an officer of the Ministry of Agriculture appointed to inspect fruit under this Act;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Agriculture;

“package” includes any barrel, crate, bag or any other covering which may be used for the carriage of fruit;

“packing house” means any building which the Minister may license for the purpose of packing fruit for export.

All fruit for export to be packed under supervision of Fruit Inspector

3. All fruit which is intended for export shall be packed under the supervision of the Fruit Inspector at a packing house, and in accordance with the specifications set out in the regulations.

Chief Agricultural Officer to be notified of time of packing fruit for export

4. The person in charge of a packing house shall give reasonable and written notice to the Chief Agricultural Officer of the time during which it is proposed to pack fruit for export and no fruit shall be wrapped, packed or shipped until it has been inspected by the Fruit Inspector to the satisfaction of the Chief Agricultural Officer.

Fruit and packing material for export to conform with regulations

5. It shall be the duty of every Fruit Inspector to satisfy the Chief Agricultural Officer that all fruit and packing material intended for export and inspected by him conforms to the specifications set out in the regulations.

Certificate of fitness for export

6. When the Chief Agricultural Officer is satisfied that the requirements of section 4 have been complied with, the Fruit Inspector shall mark each package of fruit intended for export with a stamp showing that such package with its fruit has been inspected and passed as fit for export, and at the same time shall issue to the person in charge of the packing house a certificate or fitness for export in the form prescribed by the Schedule.

Comptroller of Customs not to permit export of fruit not certified as fit for export

7. The Comptroller of Customs shall refuse to permit the export of fruit not certified by the Fruit Inspector as fit for export and may also exercise the like power whenever he has reasonable cause to suspect that any certified package of fruit has been tampered with after certification by the Fruit Inspector.

Power of Fruit Inspector to board ships and boats and to enter premises

8. It shall be lawful for the Fruit Inspector at all reasonable times—
- (a) to board any ship, launch, lighter, boat or other vessel on which fruit may be stored for purpose of being exported; and
 - (b) to have access to and enter upon any packing house, cold-storage room, building or land where certified fruit is stored, kept or otherwise dealt with for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act and the regulations have been complied with.

Certified fruit, if not shipped within twelve hours, to be placed in cold storage

9. Unless the Chief Agricultural Officer otherwise permits, all certified fruit, if not shipped within twelve hours after certification, shall immediately be placed in appropriate cold storage until the date of shipment, and failure to do this shall result in the cancellation of such certification.

Destruction of fruit attacked by pest or disease

10. The Chief Agricultural Officer may order the destruction of any fruit attacked by pest or disease which in his opinion might seriously threaten the soundness of other fruit, and all fruit which, for reasons other than the above, is declared by the Fruit Inspector as unsuitable for export shall be immediately removed from the packing house by the person in charge.

Penalties

- 11.** Any person who—
- (a) packs or attempts to pack for export any fruit in a place other than a packing house;
 - (b) exports or attempts to export any fruit which has not been certified as fit for export or which has been rejected as unfit for export by the Fruit Inspector;
 - (c) wilfully tampers with any package of certified fruit;
 - (d) hinders, molests or obstructs the Fruit Inspector in the execution of any duty imposed on him by the Chief Agricultural Officer; or
 - (e) acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or any regulations,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a penalty of one hundred and twenty dollars.

Regulations

- 12.** It shall be lawful for the Minister to make regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect this Act.

Such regulations shall be published in the *Official Gazette* and shall be submitted as soon as possible for the approval of both Houses and if not approved shall cease to be regulations from the date of their disapproval, but the non-approval shall not affect anything done or suffered under the regulations between the time of their coming into force and their rejection by Parliament.

Fees for fruit inspection

- 13.** The fees for fruit inspection shall be fixed by the Minister and all such fees shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

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FRUIT INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Date	Name of Owner or Shipper	Ship	Number and Identification mark of Package or Packages	Description of Fruit	Grade	No. of Fruit per case

I hereby certify that I have examined the fruit specified above and that, in my opinion, it is fit for export.

Date.....

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Fruit Inspector.