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(i) SEED POTATOES

The Seed Potatoes (1949 Crop) Order, 1949

1949 No. 1722

Made - - - - 14*th September*, 1949
Laid before Parliament 15*th September*, 1949
Coming into Operation 18*th September*, 1949

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a) as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b), and of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

1. "The Principal Order" means the Potatoes (General Provisions) Order, 1948, as amended(c).

2. A person shall not sell or buy any seed potatoes or thirds—

(*a*) in the case of a sale by the grower (including a sale on his behalf by a licensed auctioneer), except at the fixed price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Schedule to this Order;

(*b*) in the case of a sale by wholesale of a quantity of such potatoes of any one variety of 1 ton or more, at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Schedule to this Order;

(*c*) in the case of a sale by wholesale of a quantity of such potatoes of any one variety of 6 cwt. or more but less than 1 ton or in the case of a sale by retail, at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Schedule to this Order.

3. This Order shall not apply to Scottish Stock Seed, Stock Seed (Northern Ireland), Stock Seed (England) or Stock Seed (Wales).

4. A person shall not sell or buy any uncertified (English) or uncertified (Welsh) seed potatoes.

5.—(1) The provisions of this Order shall apply only to seed potatoes of the 1949 crop, and shall come into operation on the 18th day of September, 1949.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(c) S.I. 1948 (No. 2199) II, p. 770; 1949 No. 1019, p. 545 above.

(2) The Seed Potatoes (1948 Crop) Order, 1948(a), is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

6. This Order may be cited as the Seed Potatoes (1949 Crop) Order, 1949, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

John Strachey,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1949.

(a) S.I. 1948 (No. 2019) II, p. 780.

THE SCHEDULE

PART I

SEED POTATOES AND THIRDS: FIXED GROWERS' PRICES

The price of thirds shall be the same as that of seed potatoes of the same variety and classification

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8	Column 9	Column 10
Varieties	Scotland				Northern Ireland		England and Wales		
	Certified (Scotch)			Uncertified (Scotch)	Certified (Northern Ireland)		Certified (English); Certified (Welsh)		Uncertified (English once-grown); Uncertified (Welsh once-grown)
	A (Scot); A (Scot) NI	H (Scot); H (Scot) NI	Grade B Report		A (Nor. Ir.); A (Nor. Ir.) NI	H (Nor. Ir.); H (Nor. Ir.) NI	A (E); A (W); A (E) NI; A (W) NI	H (E); H (W); H (E) NI; H (W) NI	
	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.	Per ton s. d.
GROUP 1									
Arran Pilot, Ballydoon, Catriona, Di Vernon, Duke of York, Epicure, Home Guard, May Queen, Sharpe's Express, Ulster Chieftain, Vanguard	233 4	223 4	218 4	208 4	243 4	233 4	253 4	233 4	223 4
GROUP 2									
Arran Banner, Arran Peak, Bintje (Muizen), Craig's Defiance, Dunbar Rover, Eclipse, Golden Wonder, King Edward VII, Majestic, Record, Red King, Royal Kidney, Stormont Dawn, Ulster Cromlech, Ulster Earl, Up-to-Date ...	213 4	203 4	198 4	188 4	213 4	203 4	233 4	213 4	203 4

GROUP 3 Arran Consul, Dunbar Standard, Gladstone, Great Scot, Kerr's Pink, Redskin, Ulster Commerce	193 4	183 4	178 4	168 4	193 4	183 4	213 4	193 4	183 4
GROUP 4 Any other variety	183 4	173 4	168 4	158 4	183 4	173 4	203 4	183 4	173 4

The above prices are subject to the following provisions:—

(1) The fixed prices mentioned above include the cost of dressing and bagging the potatoes by the grower and all costs and charges of and incidental to delivery by the grower either (at buyer's option) f.o.r. grower's nearest railway station open for such traffic or free on buyer's lorry at grower's farm:

Provided that in Northern Ireland where the seed potatoes are delivered into buyer's store for dressing and bagging a charge not exceeding 10s. per ton may be made but such charge shall be for the account of the grower and shall not be passed on to any buyer.

(2) The fixed prices mentioned above shall be increased by an amount at the rate of 10s. per ton in respect of deliveries made by the grower between 16th January, 1950, and 31st May, 1950 (both dates inclusive) provided that the price of the seed potatoes shall not be less than the fixed price of ware potatoes of the same variety.

(3) All bags, sacks, or other containers shall be provided by or at the cost of the buyer and no rebate in respect thereof shall be allowed by the grower to the buyer.

(4) The riddle sizes for seed potatoes of the classifications and certificates mentioned in the above schedule shall be a top riddle of 2¼ inches and a bottom riddle of 1¼ inches, except in respect of seed potatoes grown in England and Wales of the classifications Uncertified (English once-grown) and Uncertified (Welsh once-grown), for which the top riddle shall be 2 inches and the bottom riddle 1¼ inches.

PART II

MAXIMUM PRICES ON SALES BY WHOLESALE OF SEED POTATOES OR THIRDS IN QUANTITIES OF ONE TON OR MORE

A. The maximum price on a sale by wholesale of seed potatoes or thirds of any one variety in quantities of one ton or more shall be:—

(1) in the case of Northern Ireland seed potatoes or thirds sold for delivery in Great Britain, the fixed grower's price therefor reduced by 20 shillings per ton, and

(2) in any other case, the fixed grower's price therefor,

together in either case with such of the undermentioned permitted additions as are applicable.

B. Maximum Permitted Additions.

1.—(1) Seller's margin:—

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Unit of sale of one variety of seed potatoes	Maximum addition (in total on all sales)	Maximum part of total addition, specified in column 2 chargeable on the first sale by wholesale otherwise than to a retailer or planter
	Rate per ton	
	s. d.	s. d.
(*a*) 5 tons or more	22 6	12 0
(*b*) 4 tons or more but less than 5 tons	25 0	13 6
(*c*) 3 tons or more but less than 4 tons	27 6	15 0
(*d*) 2 tons or more but less than 3 tons	32 6	18 6
(*e*) 1 ton or more but less than 2 tons	37 6	22 0

(2) Where two or more varieties are sold the permitted addition shall be calculated by reference to the quantity of each variety.

2. In the case of thirds an additional amount at the rate of 10s. per ton may be charged.

3. A reasonable amount for the cost of provision of bags, sacks or other containers may be charged.

4.—(1) All transport charges after delivery of the potatoes f.o.r. at the grower's nearest railway station are for the account of the ultimate buyer, and there may be added to the fixed price on a sale by a grower all transport costs and charges after delivery as aforesaid; provided that the costs and charges added shall not exceed any reasonable amounts actually and properly incurred.

(2) No additional charge may be made for transport except as aforesaid unless the buyer takes delivery of the potatoes at the grower's farm and transports them by road to a port for shipment or to a buyer's premises, in which event a charge in respect of such transport may be added, provided that it does not exceed the appropriate railway transport rate from the grower's farm to such port or premises as the case may be.

PART III

MAXIMUM WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF SEED POTATOES AND THIRDS SOLD IN QUANTITIES OF LESS THAN 1 TON OF ONE VARIETY

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7
Varieties	Classification (see Note 1)	10 cwt. and over but less than 1 ton	6 cwt. and over but less than 10 cwt.	2 cwt. and over but less than 6 cwt.	1 cwt. and over but less than 2 cwt.	14 lb. and over but less than 1 cwt.
		Rate per cwt.				Rate per 14 lb.
GROUP 1		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Arran Pilot, Ballydoon, Catriona, Di Vernon, Duke of York, Epicure, Home Guard, May Queen, Sharpe's Express, Ulster Chieftain, Vanguard.	A1	19 8	21 5	25 8	30 2	4 2
	B2	19 2	20 5	22 5	25 8	3 5
	C3	18 2	18 5	18 11	19 11	2 8
	D4	15 5	15 8	15 11	16 8	2 2
GROUP 2						
Arran Banner, Arran Peak, Bintje (Muizen), Craig's Defiance, Dunbar Rover, Eclipse, Golden Wonder, King Edward VII, Majestic, Record, Red King, Royal Kidney, Stormont Dawn, Ulster Cromlech, Ulster Earl, Up-to-Date.	A1	18 8	20 5	24 8	29 2	4 0
	B2	18 2	19 5	21 5	24 8	3 3
	C3	17 2	17 5	17 11	18 11	2 6
	D4	14 2	14 5	14 8	15 5	2 0
GROUP 3						
Arran Consul, Dunbar Standard, Gladstone, Great Scot, Kerr's Pink, Redskin, Ulster Commerce.	A1	17 8	19 5	22 5	25 5	3 8
	B2	17 2	18 5	20 5	23 5	3 1
	C3	16 2	16 5	16 11	17 11	2 4
	D4	13 5	13 8	13 11	14 8	1 11
GROUP 4						
Any other variety	A1	17 2	18 11	21 11	24 11	3 6
	B2	16 8	17 11	19 11	22 11	3 0
	C3	15 8	15 11	16 5	17 5	2 4
	D4	12 11	13 2	13 5	14 2	1 10

NOTE 1.—*Classification*

A1 Certified (Scotch): A (Scot), A (Scot) NI, H (Scot), H (Scot) NI. Certified (Northern Ireland): A (Nor. Ir.), A (Nor. Ir.) NI, H (Nor. Ir.), H (Nor. Ir.) NI. Certified (English): A (E), A (E) NI. Certified (Welsh): A (W), A (W) NI. Certified (Eire): A (Eire), A (Eire) NI, H (Eire), H (Eire) NI.	C3 Certified (Scotch): Grade B Report. Uncertified (English once-grown). Uncertified (Welsh once-grown). Uncertified (Scotch). D4 Uncertified (English) } Sold under Uncertified (Welsh) } Licence.
B2 Certified (English): H (E), H (E) NI. Certified (Welsh): H (W), H (W) NI.	

NOTE 2.—*Carriage Paid Prices*

The maximum prices mentioned in columns 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Part of the Schedule may not be increased by any charge in respect of delivery. The maximum retail prices mentioned in column 7 may be increased by the actual cost incurred by the seller in delivering seed potatoes at the buyer's request otherwise than at the seller's premises (including any store or warehouse where the seed potatoes are stored or kept on his behalf) not exceeding an amount of 10d. in respect of each variety so delivered.

NOTE 3.—*F.O.R. Prices*

On the occasion of a sale by wholesale for delivery f.o.r. the maximum price shall be the fixed price applicable in accordance with the scales set out in Part 1 of the Schedule, plus the actual cost of bags, plus an amount not exceeding 1s. 9d. per cwt.

NOTE 4.—*Cost or Use of Bags*

The maximum prices mentioned in this Part of the Schedule shall include the cost or use of bags, sacks or other containers, provided that where the seller supplies a returnable container for the use of the buyer the seller may make or demand a reasonable charge by way of deposit.

NOTE 5.—*Maximum Wholesale Price of Thirds*

The maximum prices mentioned in columns 3 and 4 of this Part of the Schedule may be increased by an amount at the rate of sixpence per cwt. in respect of a sale of thirds.

NOTE 6.—*Maximum Retail Prices for quantities of less than* 14 *lb.*

The maximum retail price in respect of a quantity of less than 14 lb. shall be a fraction of the rate per 14 lb. provided that where the maximum retail price so calculated includes any fraction of a halfpenny such fraction shall be regarded as one halfpenny.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order, which is to be read as one with the Potatoes (General Provisions) Order, 1948, as amended, prescribes fixed growers' prices for seed potatoes of the 1949 crop. The permitted additions on sales by wholesale of 1 ton or more and the maximum wholesale and retail prices for smaller quantities are also prescribed. The sale of uncertified (English) and uncertified (Welsh) seed potatoes is prohibited.