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THE COCONUT PRODUCTS ORDINANCE, NO. 13 OF 1935.

IT is hereby notified in terms of section 29 (3) of the Coconut Products Ordinance, No. 13 of 1935, that the regulations set out hereunder, made by the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce, under the provisions of the said Ordinance, were approved by the State Council on September 20, 1935, and ratified by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on October 4, 1935.

PERI SUNDARAM,
Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce.

Colombo, February 3, 1936.

REGULATIONS REFERRED TO.
**REGULATIONS UNDER THE COCONUT PRODUCTS ORDINANCE,
No. 13 OF 1935.**

1. These regulations may be cited as Regulations under the Coconut Products Ordinance, 1935.

2. In these regulations the word "Minister" shall mean "The Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce".

Section 2 (3).

The seal affixed to any document by or by the authority of the Board shall be authenticated with the signatures of the Chairman and three other members present at the sealing.

Section 4.

1. Every member of the Board shall be paid a subsistence allowance of Rs. 10 for each day on which he attends any meeting or meetings of the Board.

2. Every member resident outside the Municipal limits of Colombo shall, in addition, be entitled—

- (a) to mileage at 25 cents a mile for a distance not exceeding 75 miles each way, or
- (b) to first class return railway fare.

Section 6 (2).

1. Forward contracts for the purposes of these regulations shall mean written contracts entered into before the commencement of this Ordinance for the delivery or sale of copra at a price fixed definitely in that contract.

2. Every forward contract shall be produced for registration before the Manager at least 24 hours prior to the date fixed in the contract for the delivery of the copra or the first consignment thereof.

3. No contract shall be registered which is produced before the Manager after the expiry of three months from the date of the establishment of a Sales Room in Colombo.

4. The Manager shall scrutinize every contract produced before him and enter particulars thereof in a register of Forward Contracts kept by him.

5. Every registered contract shall in proof of registration bear the impressed stamp of the Board, the registered number and a certificate of registration signed and dated by the Manager.

6. No copra to be sold or delivered in pursuance of any such registered contract shall be required to be put up for auction at the Sales Room.

7. The purchaser of any copra under any such registered contract shall be entitled to a copra export licence or a coconut oil export licence as hereinafter provided by the regulations under section 17 (3) or section 19 (2) (b), as the case may be.

Section 6 (3).

Notice of the intention to close a Sales Room on any public holiday or other specified day shall be given by the Board by advertisement in one at least of each of the morning and evening newspapers and shall also be posted up on the notice board of that Sales Room in English, Sinhalese and Tamil.

Section 7 (2) (b).

1. (1) The registration of Auctioneers or Brokers under section 7 (2) shall be annual.

(2) No auctioneer or broker shall be registered for any year unless he has been duly licensed for that year under the provisions of Ordinance No. 15 of 1889.

2. (1) Every auctioneer or broker who desires to be registered shall send a written application to the Manager within 7 days of the date of publication in the *Gazette* of the approval and ratification of these regulations and thereafter on or before the 15th day of March each year together with his licence or other documents to prove that he has been duly licensed for the year in which he seeks registration.

(2) The fee for registration, which shall be Rs. 5 a year, shall be forwarded with the application by cheque or postal or money order payable to the Manager and shall be credited to the funds of the Board.

3. The Manager shall place every application before the Board at the first meeting held after the receipt of that application.

4. Where an application is refused, no further application from the same applicant shall be entertained for a period of six months.

5. Immediately on approval, the name of the applicant shall be entered in the register and he shall be entitled to act as auctioneer or broker in respect of sales held by the Board during the year for which he is registered.

6. The Board may in its discretion remove from the register permanently or for such period as it thinks fit, the name of any registered auctioneer or broker, but an appeal against every such removal shall lie to the Minister.

7. The name of any auctioneer or broker whose name has been removed from the register under regulation 6, may be restored by the Board either of its own motion or on application made in that behalf without the payment of any fee for the remaining portion of that year of registration.

8. The register of auctioneers and brokers shall be substantially in form A hereunder—

FORM A.

Serial No.	Full Name.	Business Address.	Auctioneer or Broker.	Whether Licensed under Ordinance No. 15 of 1889.	Whether Practising Individually or as a Firm.	Date of Registration.	Remarks.

Section 9.

1. Every shipper, dealer, or miller engaged in the sale or purchase of coconut products shall take steps to register his name or that of his firm within 7 days of the date of publication in the *Gazette* of the approval and ratification of these regulations, or within 7 days of his starting business as shipper, dealer, or miller; provided that no registration shall be required of any shipper, dealer, or miller the daily average of whose transactions calculated for a period of one month do not relate to a minimum of one hundredweight of coconut oil or ten hundredweight of copra or three thousand coconuts.

2. Every application shall be made in writing to the Manager, shall give the applicant's name and business address, and the period during which he has been carrying on business, and shall state whether he desires registration as an individual or as a firm. Every such application shall be accompanied by a fee of Re. 1 which shall be credited to the funds of the Board.

3. Every such application shall be dealt with by the Manager who shall register the name of every applicant whom he decides to admit to registration. An appeal shall lie to the Board against every refusal of the Manager to register the name of an applicant.

4. It shall be open to the Board to refuse to register or to remove from the register after registration, the name of any shipper, dealer, or miller, for any reason that they deem fit.

5. Any applicant dissatisfied with any decision of the Board may appeal to the Minister in the manner hereinafter provided in the regulations relating to appeals.

6. The names of approved shippers, dealers, and millers shall be entered in separate registers kept for the purpose.

Section 10.

1. Every shipper, dealer, or miller shall if required by the Board keep a stock book as hereinafter provided.

2. The decision of the Board that a stock book shall be kept by any particular shipper, dealer, or miller shall be communicated by the Manager by a registered letter addressed to the last known place of residence or of business of that shipper, dealer, or miller.

3. It shall be the duty of every such shipper, dealer, or miller to commence to keep the prescribed stock book within 7 days of the date of such communication.

4. Every stock book kept under these regulations shall be a book with pages securely fastened and numbered consecutively and shall be substantially in that one of the forms B 1, B 2, and B 3 hereunder which is appropriate to the case.

FORM B 1.

Shippers' Stock Book.

Date.	Amount Received.					Amount Shipped.			
	Balance in Hand.	Name of Vendor.	Sales Certificate.	Dealers' Copra.	Name of Estate.	Total Receipts.	Name of Steamer and Date of Sailing.	Destination.	Quantity.
	Tons cwt. qr. lb.					Tons cwt. qr. lb.			Tons cwt. qr. lb.

FORM B 2.

Dealers' Stock Book.

Date.	Name of Vendor.	Amount Purchased.	Name of Vendee.	Amount sold.	Balance in Hand.	
					Ex-godown.	In transit.
		Tons cwt. qr. lb.		Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.	Tons cwt. qr. lb.

FORM B 3.

Millers' Stock Book.

Copra Account.

Oil Account.

Date.	Balance in hand.	Quantity T. C. Q. lb.	Date.	Balance in hand.	Oil Manufactured.		Oil disposed of.		Balance in hand.
					From copra.	From shavings, parings, &c.	Name of Party.	Amount.	
				T. C. Q. lb.	T. C. Q. lb.	T. C. Q. lb.			
Copra Received.									
	On Sale Certificates (No.)	From Estate or dealer (Name)							
	Total Copra in hand								
	Copra Crushed								
	Balance in hand								

Section 17 (3).

1. Every application for a Copra Export Licence shall be substantially in the form F set out hereunder—

FORM F.

Application for Copra Export Licence.

The Ceylon Coconut Board Auction Sales Room, Colombo.

1	Name and address of applicant				
2	Quantity and grade to be exported ..	Tons.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
3	Name of ship and date of sailing ..				
4	Destination				
5	Name of Estate where manufactured ..				
6	Amount in stock after last export. .				
	Amount purchased since—				
	From estate				
	From dealers				
	Total amount in stock				
7	Quantity and grade in Sale Certificate ..	Tons.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
8	Number and date of Sale Certificate*				
9	Reasons, if any, for delay in exporting ..				
10	Balance, if any, for which the applicant is entitled to obtain fresh Sale Certificates ..	Tons.	cwt.	qr.	lb.
11	Any other information or explanation ..				

I/We hereby declare that the statements herein contained are true and accurate.

(Signature) _____.

* *Note.*—Sale Certificates covering the quantity applied for must be surrendered along with this application.

2. Every such application shall be accompanied by a declaration that the statements therein are true and accurate.

3. The prescribed officer for the purposes of section 17 (3) shall be the Manager.

4. If the particulars in the application are satisfactory, the Manager shall issue a licence as requested by the applicant.

5. Every copra export licence shall be surrendered to the Principal Collector of Customs or any Customs Officer appointed in that behalf, at the time of shipment of the specified quantity of the standard quality of copra mentioned in the licence.

6. Any party dissatisfied with the refusal of the Manager to grant an export licence may appeal to the Board.

7. Any party dissatisfied with any decision given by the Board in appeal under Regulation 6 may appeal to the Minister in the manner hereinafter provided in the regulations relating to appeals.

Section 19 (1).

Every Coconut Oil Export Licence issued under section 19 shall be on blue paper and shall be substantially in the form G set out hereunder—

FORM G.

Counterfoil. No. ———.

No. ———.

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Coconut Oil Export Licence.

Coconut Oil Export Licence.

Mr. _____ of _____ is _____ Messrs. _____ of _____ is _____ hereby authorized to export _____ tons cwt. qr. lb. of oil of grade _____ (Sgd.) _____, Manager.

Section 19 (2) and (3).

1. (1) Every application for a Coconut Oil Export licence shall be substantially in the form H set out hereunder and shall be accompanied by (a) a declaration that the statements contained therein are true and accurate; and (b) the sale certificates, if any, issued to the applicant at the time of the purchase of the copra from which the coconut oil sought to be exported was extracted.

FORM H.

(Application for Coconut Oil Export Licence.)

The Ceylon Coconut Board Auction Sales Room, Colombo.

Table with 10 rows and 2 columns. Row 1: Name and address of applicant and/or of shipper. Row 2: Quantity and grade to be exported (Tons, cwt, qr, lb, Grade No.). Row 3: Name of ship and date of sailing. Row 4: Destination. Row 5: Name and situation of mill where manufactured. Row 6: Quantity manufactured from (1) Copra, (2) Parings and Shavings, (3) Fresh coconuts (Tons, cwt, qr, lb). Row 7: In the case of oil purchased by the applicant (1) Name and address of the vendor, (2) Quantity purchased, (3) Date of purchase (Tons, cwt, qr, lb). Row 8: Number and date of Sale Certificates*. Row 9: Balance, if any, for which the applicant is entitled to obtain fresh Sale Certificates (Tons, cwt, qr, lb). Row 10: Any other information or explanation.

I/We hereby declare that the statements herein contained are true and accurate.

(Signature) _____.

* Note.—Sale certificates covering the quantity applied for must be surrendered along with this application.

(2) The application may either be sent by registered post or handed personally to the Manager.

2. If the particulars in the application are *satisfactory*, the Manager shall issue a licence as requested by the applicant.

3. (1) If the particulars in the application are not satisfactory the Manager shall nevertheless issue a licence but shall call upon the applicant to explain, or to furnish further information on, any point.

(2) Where the point on which explanation is called for by the Manager relates to any discrepancy between the quantity of copra specified in the sale certificates surrendered by the applicant and the quantity of coconut oil which is specified in the application, the Manager shall, in considering the explanation, have due regard to the usages of the trade and to the recognized oil content of the particular grade of copra.

(3) If the explanation or information is not satisfactory the Manager shall state a case on the matter for the decision of the Board.

(4) In dealing with any case so stated the Board may authorize the prosecution of that applicant for the contravention of the Ordinance or of any regulations thereunder or direct a proportionate reduction to be made from the quantity for which a licence is to be issued to that applicant on any subsequent occasion or may direct that the name of that applicant be removed from any register in which it is entered under these regulations.

4. (1) An appeal shall lie to the Minister against any decision of the Board under paragraph (4) of Regulation 3.

(2) Every such appeal shall be preferred in the manner hereinafter provided in the regulations relating to appeals.

5. (1) Where the quantity of oil specified in the licence issued to any applicant is less than the quantity which is deemed to be the equivalent of the copra specified in the sale certificates surrendered by that applicant, the Manager shall issue to him in addition to the licence a fresh sale certificate for the balance copra.

(2) Every sale certificate issued under paragraph (1) of this regulation, shall bear an endorsement under the hand of the Manager showing the number and date of the original sale certificates surrendered by the applicant and of the coconut oil export licence issued to him.

6. It shall not be necessary for any exporter of coconut oil who has entered into forward contracts exempted by section 6 (2) of the Ordinance or by regulations made thereunder, or who has been specially authorized thereto by the Board in pursuance of the powers vested in it by any regulations framed under the Ordinance, to produce or surrender sale certificates in respect of copra from which the coconut oil sought to be exported has been extracted.

7. (1) On a declaration being furnished by any person to whom a coconut oil export licence has been issued, that the coconut oil covered by that licence has—

- (a) been transferred or sold for valuable consideration to a specified shipper or to some specified principal of that shipper outside Ceylon ; or
- (b) is being exported by a specified shipper on behalf and for the benefit of the licensee,

the Manager shall, if he is satisfied with the *bona fides* of the applicant and with the truth of the statements contained in the declaration, endorse on the licence under his signature the full particulars of the transfer together with the name and address of the transferee.

(2) If the Manager is not so satisfied, he shall submit the facts for the decision of the Board at its next meeting.

(3) Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Board in any such matter may appeal to the Minister in the manner hereinafter provided in the regulations relating to appeals.

(4) If the transfer is approved by the Board or by the Minister in appeal, the Manager shall endorse the licence as aforesaid.

(5) If the transfer relates only to a portion of the quantity of oil specified in the licence, the Manager shall issue one or more fresh licences for the balance and endorse on them under his signature the particulars of the original licence.

(6) On the issue of such fresh licence or licences, the original licence shall become void and shall be cancelled by the Manager and filed in the office of the Board.

8. (1) Any shipper who intends to export coconut oil but does not possess the necessary sale certificates or is for any reason precluded from obtaining a transfer of any coconut oil export licence under the foregoing regulations, may obtain a special export licence on application made to the Board in that behalf.

(2) Every such application shall contain all necessary particulars including the name and address of the person or persons from whom the oil was obtained and the date of purchase.

(3) The applicant shall also furnish such further information as the Board may from time to time require in that connection.

(4) Every such application or return of information shall be accompanied by a declaration that the statements therein contained are true and accurate.

(5) Where the Board refuses an application under this regulation, the applicant shall have the right to appeal to the Minister in the manner hereinafter provided in the regulations relating to appeals.

9. Every coconut oil export licence or special export licence shall be surrendered to the Principal Collector of Customs or any Customs Officer appointed in that behalf, at the time of shipment of the quantity of coconut oil specified in that licence.

11. (1) Any person desiring to export in two or more instalments the quantity of coconut oil specified in any licence of which he is the due holder, may surrender the licence to the Manager and obtain in exchange therefor the required number of fresh licences for quantities amounting in the aggregate to the quantity specified in the surrendered licence.

(2) Every such fresh licence shall bear an endorsement under the hand of the Manager of the particulars of the surrendered licence.

Section 22.

1. Any person who exports any coconut products through any port in the Island other than the port of Colombo shall notify to the Board in writing within one week of such export the following particulars :—

- (1) Nature of coconut products exported.
- (2) Quantity of coconut products exported.
- (3) Quality of coconut products exported.
- (4) Where manufactured.
- (5) Name and situation of estate from which coconuts were procured for the purpose of manufacture.
- (6) Name of port.
- (7) Destination.
- (8) Full name and address of party exporting.
- (9) Name of ship or vessel with full name and address of agents and dates of sailing.
- (10) Signature of person giving information.

2. Every such notification shall be accompanied by a declaration that the statement contained therein are true and accurate.

3. The Board shall keep three separate registers for copra, coconut oil, and desiccated coconut, exported from ports other than Colombo and shall cause the particulars furnished under the foregoing regulation 1 to be transcribed therein.

Section 29 (1).

1. The Manager shall deposit in a bank, to the credit of an account to be called the Sales Deposit Account, all moneys paid to him by an auctioneer or a purchaser in connection with any sale of copra in a Sales Room.

2. Payment of that part of the proceeds of the sale which is payable to the seller of any copra, shall in every case be made by a cheque drawn on the Sales Deposit Account.

3. Every such cheque shall be signed by the Manager and by the Chairman or any other member of the Board authorized thereto by the Chairman.

4. It shall be the duty of the Manager to keep an accurate record of all payments into or out of the Sales Deposit Account, and for this purpose to maintain a separate cash-book, ledger, and such other books of accounts as may be necessary.

Section 29 (2) (b).

1. Any person wishing to sell copra for future delivery may notify the Board of the quantity that he proposes to sell forward, the date on which it is proposed to hold the sale, and the period during which the copra is to be delivered.

2. The Board shall give notice that the specified quantity of copra for delivery on the specified date will be sold by auction, on the date proposed by the seller.

3. The quantity so tendered shall be noted in a register provided for the purpose by the Board, and shall be duly listed for sale on the specified date.

4. On the specified date the auction shall be held and bids shall be received as in the case of sales under the regulations under section 29 (2) (h).

5. The lots offered shall be knocked down to the highest bidder who may be called upon to make such deposit as may be agreed upon with the auctioneer or the Manager and to enter into a contract for payment of the balance on delivery of the copra.

6. The vendor may be called upon to tender immediate security for the fulfilment of his contract and for such advances as he may receive from time to time.

Section 29 (2) (f).

1. (1) Every person who has paid any advance in money for copra to be supplied to him by any producer or dealer, and desires either to obtain delivery of the copra or to recover the advance through the Board, shall give notice of his claim or intention to the Manager not less than 48 hours before the date fixed for the sale of any copra brought for sale by that producer or dealer to a Sales Room.

(2) Such notice may be given either in writing or orally to the Manager, and shall be accompanied by all proofs on which that person relies in support of his claim.

(3) On receipt of such notice the Manager shall forthwith verify the claim by making such inquiries as he may deem necessary, of the producer or dealer and of any other witnesses mentioned either by the claimant or by the producer or dealer.

2. (1) If the claim is established to his satisfaction, the Manager shall enter it in a register of Loans and Adjustments to be kept by him for the purpose.

(2) Where the claimant desires to bid for the copra at an auction sale, the Manager shall, after registering the claim, issue to the claimant an Order of Credit authorizing the auctioneer to give the claimant credit for any sum not exceeding such amount as may be specified in the Order.

(3) If the claimant is declared the purchaser of the copra—

(a) the auctioneer shall not under *regulation 10 (1) of section 29 (2) (h)* below relating to sales require the deposit of any sum greater than the amount, if any, by which the purchase price exceeds the amount specified in the Order of Credit; and

(b) the Manager shall make such adjustments in the Register and such payments to either party as may be necessary to close the entire transaction.

(4) If the claimant is not declared the purchaser of the copra or if he does not bid for it and desires only to recover the advance paid by him—

(a) where the parties are agreed as to the mode of settling their account, the Manager shall make the necessary payments in accordance with their agreement and make the appropriate entries in the Register; or

(b) where the parties are not agreed, the Manager shall pay the purchase money into the Sales Deposit Account and refer the matter in dispute to the decision of the Board; and if the decision of the Board is not accepted by either party the money shall remain to the credit of the Account until a decision is obtained by the parties either by arbitration or by an action at law.

3. If the claim or any part of it is disputed by the producer or dealer—

(a) where the parties agree to have the matters in dispute settled amicably by the Manager or by the Board, the foregoing regulation 2 shall apply to such part of the claim as may be specified in the terms of the settlement so effected; or

(b) where the parties desire to have the matters in dispute decided by an action at law or by duly appointed arbitrators, the sale of the copra shall take place and the purchase money shall be paid into the Sales Deposit Account and remain in that account until the rights of the parties are finally determined.

Section 29 (2) (g).

1. It shall be open to the Inspector or any officer of the Board specially authorized thereto, on the instructions of the Board to examine any copra lying at any place whatsoever and to issue certificates of quality.

2. The Board may require any shipper, dealer, or miller to give such Inspector or Officer access to his stores, factories, and godowns and his stock books and to give such assistance as may be necessary for the purposes of any inspection.

3. The Board shall keep official samples in the Sales Room of the various standard qualities of copra approved by it for the time being.

4. Such official samples shall be of the following among other grades :—

Estate No. 1.

Estate No. 2.

Estate No. 3.

Mixed grade.

F. M. S. (fair merchantable sundried).

5. The official samples so kept in the Sales Room shall be deemed to be the standards of quality for the purposes of any certificate to be issued under these regulations.

Section 29 (2) (h).

1. The Sales Room shall be opened for transactions at 10.30 A.M. daily and closed at 3 P.M. on week days and at noon on Saturdays.

2. The market price of copra on any day shall be the highest price paid or offered at any auction in a Sales Room on that day for copra graded as "Estate No. 1"; provided however that on any day on which—

(a) the quantity of that grade of copra catalogued for sale is less than 400 candies where that day falls between the months of June and November, or is less than 200 candies where that day falls between the months of December and May; and

(b) the quantity for which the highest price is paid or offered is less than 50 per cent. of the quantity of that grade put up for sale.

the Board may declare the market price to be the market price of the last preceding day on which transactions took place.

The Board shall cause to be published after each sale the highest price paid for each grade on that day.

3. The sellers samples of the copra to be sold on any day shall be placed on view at the Sales Room not later than 10 A.M. on that day. Such samples should be labelled by the seller or his broker.

4. Every broker shall deliver to the Manager or Secretary not later than 10 A.M. each day a type-written catalogue in duplicate of the copra to be offered for sale that day. The catalogue shall be posted up by the Manager or Secretary on a notice board in a conspicuous part of the Sales Room.

5. No copra shall be put up for sale except by a registered auctioneer recognized by and registered in the books of the Coconut Board.

6. A Commission or "lot money" at such rate not exceeding 25 cents as the Board from time to time may determine and notify, shall be payable by the seller to the collector appointed by the Board in respect of each lot brought in by the seller for sale in a Sales Room.

7. (1) The highest bidder for any lot shall be declared the purchaser thereof; provided however that the auctioneer shall not so declare the purchaser until all disputes as to bids are settled by the auctioneer and the lot is finally knocked down.

(2) The seller of the copra or any agent employed by him or the auctioneer shall have the right to bid.

(3) No bid shall be accepted unless the minimum price as fixed by the Board is offered.

(4) The auctioneer shall have the discretion to refuse any bid, but he shall register all such bids.

(5) The decision of the auctioneer on any dispute as to bids shall be final.

(6) No copra withdrawn from any sale shall be put up for sale again on the same day unless such copra was withdrawn on the ground that the price offered was below the minimum price fixed for the day.

8. (1) All copra shall be sold by the lot.

(2) Every bid shall be in the form of a rate offered for each candy in a lot; provided that where any lot put up for sale contains more than one grade of copra, the bidding shall be for the highest grade in that lot; and the prices for the other grades shall be computed on the basis that each grade below the highest is Rs. 2 less in value than the next higher grade.

(3) The rise of each bid over the previous bid shall not be less than 25 cents.

9. In respect of each lot of copra sold in a Sales Room, there shall be payable by the seller—

(a) the levy for the purposes of the cess provided for by section 23 of the Ordinance, but this levy shall be subject to the condition that it shall be refunded, on proof being adduced to the satisfaction of the Manager within a period of three years from the date of payment that the copra in respect of which it was paid has not in fact been exported from the Island; and

(b) a brokerage of 1 per cent.

10. (1) As soon as a lot is knocked down to any person, a cash deposit of the full purchase price shall be made if the auctioneer so demands.

(2) Where the full purchase price is not deposited on demand the auctioneer may in his discretion put the lot up for sale again.

11. (1) The place and time of delivery of the various lots shall be announced by the auctioneer before the commencement of the sale.

(2) Where the copra is delivered at the buyer's stores, the seller or his agent shall be entitled to be present at the weighing of the copra.

12. (1) Where the purchase price of any copra delivered at the buyer's store has not been deposited with the auctioneer under regulation 10 (1), it shall be payable in cash to the auctioneer on production of the receipt issued by or on behalf of the buyer at the time of the delivery.

(2) Until payment is so made, the buyer shall be deemed to hold the copra as the agent of the seller and shall insure the copra for the benefit of the seller against risk of fire.

13. Every person acting as agent for any other person at any sale held in a Sales Room, shall disclose in writing the name of his principal to the auctioneer, as soon as he is declared the purchaser of any lot; and where the name of the principal is not so disclosed the person so acting as agent shall be deemed to be the actual purchaser.

14. Objections as to quality must be lodged with the auctioneer within 36 hours from completion of delivery. Sundays, bank, or public holidays shall be excluded in the calculation of this period of 36 hours.

15. (1) Any dispute arising between buyer and seller at the time of delivery as to the quality or the weight of any copra sold at a Sales Room shall be referred for arbitration to any person nominated by them jointly for the purpose.

(2) Where they do not agree to appoint any one person as arbitrator, each may appoint an arbitrator, and in every such case the arbitrators so appointed shall, before proceeding to hear the matter, select an umpire to decide all questions on which the arbitrators are themselves unable to agree.

(3) If either party to a dispute neglects or refuses to appoint an arbitrator within 3 days of receipt of information of the appointment of an arbitrator by the other party, the arbitrator appointed by that other party shall proceed to arbitrate on the matter in dispute as if he were an arbitrator appointed by both parties.

(4) The decision of the arbitrator, arbitrators, or umpire, as the case may be, shall in every case be final.

16. No sale certificate shall be issued unless the Manager is of opinion that delivery and payment therefor have been satisfactorily concluded.

Section 29 (2) (i).

1. The Board may at the close of each week having due regard to the price ruling at the Sales Room in that week or to the price prevailing in foreign markets during that week and to the general conditions of the market, decide the minimum price at which the auctions shall commence in the Sales Room during the week following.

2. Notice of such minimum price shall be published in the English newspapers on Saturday evening or on Monday morning and shall also be posted up on the notice board of the Sales Room.

3. It shall be within the discretion of the Board to lower or raise such minima in the course of the week by prior publication in the morning or evening English newspapers and on the notice board, if the Board is satisfied that the minima fixed are either too high or too low for the efficient working of the auctions in the Sales Room.

APPEALS.

Section 29.

1. Every appeal to the Minister under these regulations shall be preferred within 7 days of the date on which the decision appealed against is communicated to the appellant.

2. Every appeal shall be presented in the form of a written statement signed by the appellant containing a summary of the relevant facts, the decision of the Board, and the arguments which the appellant intends to adduce in support of his appeal.

3. The fee for each appeal shall be Rs. 5, and shall be payable in one or more uncancelled stamps to that value affixed to the statement of appeal.

4. The appellant shall be entitled to appear either in person or by counsel, proctor, or other authorized representative, at the hearing of his appeal.

5. Where any argument is heard against the appeal, the appellant or his representative shall have the right of reply.

6. The Minister may during the hearing of any appeal call for such evidence, oral or documentary, as to him may seem necessary for the proper adjudication of the matter or matters at issue.

7. Where the decision of the Minister is not given at the close of the hearing, it shall be reduced to writing and communicated under the hand of his Secretary to the Board as well as to the appellant.