

British Guiana.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE BLENDING AND GRADING OF RICE FOR EXPORT MADE IN PURSUANCE OF THE RICE (EXPORT GRADING) ORDINANCE 1930, AS AMENDED BY THE RICE (EXPORT GRADING) ORDINANCE, 1932.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rice (Export Blending and Grading) Regulations, 1934. Short Title.

2. In these regulations—

“Director” means the Director of Agriculture or in his absence the officer acting for him or any officer detailed by him to perform any duty under these regulations.

Interpretation.

3. The grades of rice together with their class and description shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these regulations.

Grades of Rice-First Schedule.

4. A person shall not submit rice other than broken and super broken to be graded unless it has previously been blended.

Blending of Rice.

5.—(1) A person shall not blend rice for export unless he has first obtained from the Director a licence for the purpose.

Licence for Blenders.

(2) Any person who desires a licence for blending shall make application in writing to the Director and furnish to him evidence

Form No. 1 Sixth Schedule.

of good character and skill in blending in the form set out in Form No. 1 in the Sixth Schedule hereto.

Form No. 2
Sixth
Schedule.

(3) If the Director is satisfied as to the good character and skill of the applicant he will grant him a licence in the form set out in Form No. 2 in the Sixth Schedule hereto.

Registration
of licensed
blender.

(4) The Director shall keep a register of all persons to whom licences are granted and shall cause their names to be published in the *Gazette*.

Termination
of blender's
licence.

(5) Every licence shall cease to have effect at the end of every financial year but may be renewed for the ensuing financial year.

Blender's
fee.

(6) A blender's fee shall not exceed two cents a bag or package of one hundred pounds or less, and four cents a bag or package of more than one hundred pounds.

Cancellation
of blender's
licence.

6. The Director may remove from the register the name of any person, who, in his opinion, has been guilty of misconduct or neglect of duty or has otherwise become unfit to continue to hold a licence. A holder of a licence who has been informed in writing that his name has been removed from the register shall forthwith return his licence to the Director for cancellation. The name of every person removed from the register shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Guide
samples.

7. A set of guide samples according to the grades set out in the First Schedule will be supplied on application, free of charge, to registered exporters of rice by the Department of Agriculture. Additional sets may be obtained on request from the Rice Grading Office on the payment of one dollar per set.

Places of
delivery for
inspection
and grading

8. Rice for export shall be delivered in a manner suitable for the purpose of inspection and grading at such wharves in Georgetown, New Amsterdam and Springlands, as the Director may specify by notice in the *Gazette*.

Condition of
bags.

9. All rice intended for export other than in cartons must be shipped in new bags, the bags to be securely sewn with overlapping edges and branded with the consignee's mark.

Application
made for
grading rice
in bags.

10. When rice for export has been blended and bagged, and the bags sewn, marked and delivered according to the foregoing regulations the exporter shall give to the inspector not less than twenty-four hours prior to shipment notice of application to grade. Such notice shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations and shall be delivered to the respective inspectors at Georgetown, New Amsterdam or Springlands.

Application
made for
grading rice
in cartons or

11. The exporter of rice in cartons or other small containers shall deliver his rice in accordance with regulation 8 and shall on or after delivery give to the inspector not less than twenty-four hours prior

to shipment notice of application to grade. Such notice shall be in the form set out in the Third Schedule, and shall be delivered to the respective inspectors aforesaid, accompanied by a sample of not less than ten pounds of the rice in cartons. The inspector shall satisfy himself, if necessary, by examination of the consignment and will issue a certificate in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule to these regulations.

other small containers.

12. All applications for grading shall be accompanied by the certificate of a registered blender certifying that the rice has been blended. This certificate shall be attached to the application for grading set out in the Second and/or Third Schedule to these regulations.

All applications to be accompanied by blender's certificate.

13. All applications for grading shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Rice Marketing Board, before they are delivered to the inspector. The Secretary of the Marketing Board, on being satisfied that the description of each consignment is in accordance with the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinance, 1930 as amended by the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinance, 1932, shall indicate by his signature upon the application form for grading, the fact that the Board has recommended the export of the rice specified thereon.

Applications to be signed by the Secretary of the Rice Marketing Board. No. 18 of 1930. No. 40 of 1932.

14.—(1) Consignments of rice as specified in the application for grading shall be pointed out to the inspector by the owner or his agent on the wharf on which the rice has been delivered.

Consignments of rice to be pointed out to inspector by the owner or his agent.

(2) All consignments of rice shall be so arranged as to permit the inspector to have access to every bag.

(3) The inspector shall examine a minimum of twenty-five per cent. of the bags of each consignment but if after or upon examination he is in any way dissatisfied he may examine every bag in a consignment before he issues a certificate of grade.

Particulars of examination.

15.—(1) For the purpose of examination the inspector may, remove a sample of not more than ten pounds from each consignment,

Extraction of sample for examination or re-examination.

(2) The inspector may re-examine a consignment of rice at any time before it leaves the Colony.

16. If the inspector finds that blending has not been carried out he shall refuse to grade and may order that the rice be either properly blended or removed from the place of delivery forthwith at the expense of the exporter.

Penalty for not blending rice.

17. After the rice has been graded the inspector shall issue a certificate of grade according to the form set out in the Fourth or Fifth Schedule to these regulations.

Issue of certificate

18. The consignor shall pay at the rate of one cent per bag or package of one hundred pounds or less and one and one-half cents per bag or package containing more than one hundred pounds, in

Cost of grading and payment.

respect of all rice submitted for grading under these regulations, and payment shall be made to the Comptroller of Customs when the specification form of the consignment is presented accompanied by the corresponding grading certificate.

Specifications to be presented at Grading Office.

19. After a sample of rice has been taken from any consignment the exporter shall present his Customs specification form at the Grading Office, indicating the name of the wharf or stelling on which the rice has been examined, for certification by the inspector or his assistant.

Wharfinger's certificate and permission to load rice.
Seventh Schedule.

20.—(1) At the time of exportation the exporter shall present his Customs specification form to the wharfinger of the wharf on which the rice was examined. The wharfinger will attach thereto a certificate signed by himself in accordance with the form set out in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The specification form with the wharfinger's certificate attached shall be delivered to the Officer of Customs at the time of shipment. This certificate shall later be submitted to the inspector for record purposes.

Removal and re-grading.

21. If rice which has been graded is removed from the place of delivery without being shipped it shall not be exported until it is again graded in accordance with the preceding regulations including the payment of fees.

Period of validity of certificate before shipment.

22. A certificate which has been issued in respect of graded rice shall cease to have effect unless such consignment is shipped within fourteen days after the date of the issue of such certificate, but it may be renewed by the inspector under authority of the Director.

Prohibition of export of objectionable rice.

23. Rice which is found upon examination to be infected with insect pests or fungi in any stage of development, and which possesses an objectionable odour shall not be exported.

Removal of objectionable rice from a wharf.

24. If the inspector shall give notice in writing for the removal of rice which is found to be infected and which possesses an objectionable odour as provided in the preceding regulation such rice shall be removed from the places of delivery forthwith at the expense of the exporter.

Rice to conform to grades according to First Schedule.

25.—(1) All rice exported under a specific grade must conform to the standard of that grade as described in the First Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Rice which is intended for special markets, *e.g.*, United States, Canada, etc., will not be allowed to be exported when, in the opinion of the inspector, such rice does not conform to the requirements of those markets.

Hours of attendance.

26. The working day of the inspector and his assistants shall be every day except Sundays and Public Holidays.

27. Where in these regulations any notice, certificate or Customs specification form is to be given and delivered, issued or presented, the notice, certificate or Customs specification shall be given and delivered, issued or presented between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in any working day. The inspector may accept applications to grade outside the hours aforesaid, but applications delivered after 10 a.m. on one day will not be dealt with before 8 a.m. of the next working day.

Hours during which notices etc. to be delivered.

28. The Rice (Export Blending and Grading) Regulations, 1932, and the Rice (Export Blending and Grading) Regulations, 1933, are hereby revoked.

Revocation.

29. These regulations shall come into effect on the thirteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-four.

Commencement.

Made by the Governor in Council under section 8, of the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinance, 1930 (No. 18 of 1930) as amended by section 5 of the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinance, 1932, (No. 40 of 1932), this 13th day of July, 1934.

C. W. H. COLLIER,
Clerk of the Council.

FIRST SCHEDULE
GRADE CLASSIFICATION.

GRADE.	DESCRIPTION.	GENERAL COLOUR AND APPEARANCE.
Whole Grain Super	... Not to contain more than a total of 5 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Not below guide sample.
Super	... To contain more than 5 per cent. but not more than 12 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Not below guide sample.
No. 1	... Not to contain more than a total of 25 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Below Super but not below guide sample.
No. 2	... Not to contain more than a total of 35 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Below No. 1 but not below guide sample.
No. 3	... Not to contain more than a total of 50 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Below No. 2 but not below guide sample.
Super Broken	... Containing more than 50 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Not below guide sample.
Broken	... Containing more than 50 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Below Super Broken but not below guide sample.
White Rice Quality A.	... Not to contain more than 20 per cent. of broken and discoloured grains.	Not below guide sample.
White Rice Quality B.	... Anything below White Rice Quality A.	

SECOND SCHEDULE.

A.

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRADING RICE IN BAGS.

To
The Inspector,

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Please grade and issue to me a certificate for the undermentioned consignment(s) of rice which have been delivered at in a manner (Name of Wharf) suitable for inspection and grading, in accordance with regulations 8, 9 and 10 of the Rice (Export Grading and Blending) Regulations, 1934.

No. of Bags.	Marks on Bags.	Exporter's Grade.	Consignee's Mark.	Destination (Port).	Vessel on which to be Shipped.	Date and Time of Sailing.

.....
Signature of Exporter.

Date.....

B.

CERTIFICATE OF A REGISTERED BLENDER.

I hereby certify that the above consignment or consignments of rice amounting to.....bags as specified above have been blended by me in such a manner that the contents of each individual bag are uniform in each specific consignment.

.....
Signature of Registered Blender.

Consignment(s) as specified passed for shipment.

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Signature of Secretary, Rice
Marketing Board.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

A.

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRADING RICE IN CARTONS OR OTHER SMALL CONTAINERS.

To

The Inspector,

I hereby certify that the sample of rice submitted herewith is a true sample of the consignment or consignments of rice in cartons or other small containers, particulars of which are as follows:—

No. of cases or packages.	Marks on cases or packages.	Brand of carton or container.	No. of cartons or containers.	Weight in each carton or container.	Wharf on which cases or packages have been delivered.	Exporter's grade.	Destination (Port).	Vessel on which to be shipped.	Date and time of sailing.

Date.....

Signature of Exporter.

B.

CERTIFICATE OF A REGISTERED BLENDER.

I hereby certify that the above consignment or consignments of rice amounting topackages specified above $\frac{\text{have}}{\text{has}}$ been blended by me in such manner that the contents of each individual carton or container are uniform in each specific consignment.

Signature of Registered Blender.....

C.

Consignment (s) as specified passed for shipment.

Signature of Secretary, Rice
Marketing Board.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

FORM OF RICE GRADING CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED BY THE INSPECTOR FOR RICE IN BAGS.

*Grading Certificate (Issued under the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinances, 1930 and 1932,
and the Regulations made thereunder).*

No.....

Issued by the Inspector.....
British Guiana.

Date of examination.	Name of consignor.	Consignee's Mark.	Destination (Port)	Total No. of bags.	Vessel on which consigned.	Date of sailing.	Grade.

.....
Signature of Inspector.

Date.....

GRADE CLASSIFICATION.

Grade.	Description.	General Colour and appearance.

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

**FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED BY THE INSPECTOR FOR
RICE IN CARTONS OR OTHER SMALL CONTAINERS.**

*Grading Certificate (Issued under the Rice (Export Grading) Ordinances 1930 and 1932,
and the Regulations made thereunder).*

No.

Issued by the Inspector.....
British Guiana.

Date of Examination.	Name of Consignor.	No. of Cases or Packages.	Marks on Cases or Packages.	Brand on Cartons or Containers.	No. of Cartons or Containers.	Destination (Port)	Vessel on which Consigned	Date of Sailing.	Grade.

The above consignment has been graded on a bulk sample submitted by the Exporter.

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Signature of Inspector.

Date.....

GRADE CLASSIFICATION.

Grade.	Description.	General Colour and Appearance.

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

FORM No. 1.

APPLICATION FORM FOR BLENDER'S LICENCE.

 Name of applicant.....

 Address.....

 Will the applicant be employed to blend
 rice for export?

•r/and

 Will the applicant blend his own rice for
 export?

 Applicant's previous experience in the blending of rice for export.

I declare that the above information is correct, and I hereby make application for a licence to blend rice for export, according to the requirements of the Rice Grading Ordinance, 1932, and the Regulations made thereunder.

 (Signature of Applicant).

 (Date).

Note.—This form must be accompanied by:—

(1) A testimonial of character from one of the following (a) A member of the Legislative Council; (b) A Town Councillor; (c) A Barrister or Solicitor; (d) A Minister of Religion; (e) A Medical Practitioner; (f) The Head of a Government Department; (g) The Head of a Mercantile Firm.

And

(2) A testimonial from a suitable individual connected with the production and exportation of rice, which proves that the applicant is a fit person to blend rice for export.

No.....

No.....

LICENCE FOR PERSON COMPETENT TO BLEND RICE FOR EXPORT.

Name.....

Address.....

Mr..... of..... is hereby licensed to blend
rice for export from the Colony of British Guiana.

Date.....

.....
Director of Agriculture.

Date.....

Note.—This licence is liable to cancellation under regulation 6 of the Rice (Export
Blending and Grading) Regulations 1934.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

WHARFINGERS CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the rice specified below, and which is about to be exported from.....wharf is the same rice that was examined by the Inspector.

No. of Bags.	Marks on Bags.	Date Examined.

.....
Signature of Wharfinger.

Note.—This certificate shall be attached to the Customs specification form of the consignment or consignments specified above. It shall be handed to the Officer of Customs present at the time that the rice is loaded into a vessel. This certificate shall later be submitted to the Inspector for record purposes.