

STATUTORY RULES.

1924. No. 187.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL ACT 1924.

I THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1924*, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this third day of December, 1924.

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. E. PRATTEN,

Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

AMENDMENT OF DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL (POLL) REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1924, No. 178.)

1. Regulation 6 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended by omitting sub-regulation (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulation:—

“(1.) The roll for each State shall be the roll of growers to be used for the purposes of the poll in the State to which the roll refers and shall be certified by the Returning Officer or a Deputy Returning Officer by writing under his hand to be correct.”

2. Regulation 16 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended by omitting the words “at any time before three o'clock in the afternoon of the day next preceding the day fixed for the close of the poll.”

3. Regulation 17 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulation:—

“(2.) The Returning Officer shall keep a locked and sealed ballot-box (in these Regulations referred to as ‘the special ballot-box’) with the words ‘Dried Fruits Export Control Poll. Special Ballot box. Voting papers received from Voter’ marked thereon, and shall place and keep therein until the scrutiny all envelopes, received by him after four o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed for the close of the poll, containing voting papers to be admitted to the scrutiny in pursuance of sub-regulation (1A.) of the next succeeding regulation.”

4. Regulation 18 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended—

(a) by inserting at the commencement of sub-regulation (1.) the words "Subject to the next succeeding sub-regulation"; and

(b) by inserting after sub-regulation (1.) the following sub-regulation:—

"(1A.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-regulation, where the Minister is satisfied that, by reason of circumstances beyond the control of a grower, the voting-paper of the grower could not have been sent by the grower to the Returning Officer so as to reach the Returning Officer at or before four o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed for the close of the poll, the Minister may direct that the voting paper shall be admitted to the scrutiny if it is received at or before four o'clock in the afternoon of a day fixed by the Minister as the last day for the receipt of the voting paper and the voting paper shall be admitted to the scrutiny accordingly."

5. Regulation 20 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended—

(a) by omitting the words "last day for the receipt of voting papers:— " and inserting in their stead the words "day fixed for the close of the poll open the ballot-box and at four o'clock in the afternoon of the last day for the receipt of voting papers to be admitted to the scrutiny under sub-regulation (1A.) of regulation 18 of these Regulations, open the special ballot-box and—"; and

(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) the words "open the ballot-box and".

6. Regulation 21 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended by omitting the word "paragraph" and inserting in its stead the word "regulation".

7. Regulation 23 of the Dried Fruits Export Control (Poll) Regulations is amended by inserting after sub-regulation (1.) the following sub-regulation:—

"(1A.) Where the Returning Officer is satisfied that the votes recorded on the voting papers to be admitted to the scrutiny under sub-regulation (1A.) of regulation 18 of these Regulations could not possibly affect the result of the poll, he may, without awaiting the result of the scrutiny of the voting-papers so to be admitted to the scrutiny make out and transmit to the Minister the statement referred to in the last preceding sub-regulation, and the Minister may, without awaiting that result, announce the result of the poll and cause notice of the result of the poll to be published in the *Gazette*."