

APPENDIX 2

COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Sub-Committee on Grading and Standards of Agricultural Products

The Sub-Committee was constituted as follows:—

Mr. A. W. Street, C.I.E., M.C., Principal Assistant Secretary Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (United Kingdom), Chairman.

CANADA

Dr. J. F. Booth, Commissioner of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture.

AUSTRALIA

Dr. A. E. V. Richardson, Professor of Agriculture, University of Adelaide.
Mr. L. E. Stevens, Department of Commerce.

NEW ZEALAND

Dr. R. M. Campbell, Private Secretary to the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. P. R. Viljoen, Under Secretary for Agriculture.
Mr. J. A. Dimond, Trade Commissioner for Union of South Africa in London.

IRISH FREE STATE

Mr. J. W. Dulanty, High Commissioner in Great Britain.
Mr. D. Twomey, Department of Agriculture.

INDIA

Mr. B. C. Burt, C.I.E., M.B.E.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Mr. T. G. Gibson, M.B.E., Government Statistician.

Secretary:

Mr. A. E. Richards, Agricultural Economics Branch, Department of Agriculture (Canada).

REPORT

The Sub-Committee on Grading and Standards of Agricultural Products begs leave to report as follows:—

Scope of Enquiry

The Sub-Committee, after briefly reviewing the existing legislation pertaining to grades and standards in the countries represented, agreed that it would not be possible to examine critically or recommend grades and standards for specific products. The drafting of grades and standards is a matter requiring more detailed study than can be given in the limited time available at this Conference; furthermore, technical officers whose knowledge and advice would be necessary are not available to all countries represented. The Sub-Committee decided, therefore, to confine its attention to the principle involved and to the desirability or otherwise of recommending measures designed to further the adoption of improved grading and standardization.

Following an informal conference with the Sub-Committee on Industrial Standardization, it was also agreed that the matter of standardization of containers used in the marketing of agricultural products should be reviewed by the Sub-Committee on Grading and Standards of Agricultural Products.

Desirability of Grades and Standards

It is obvious that the paramount need in merchandising agricultural products is to secure, promote and maintain confidence between buyer and seller.