

(7.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of this section, the Board shall not exercise its powers under this section with respect to the sale of any dairy-produce if the Board is satisfied—(a) That there is subsisting a contract for the purchase and sale of that dairy-produce made before the commencement of this Act, or (b) that there is subsisting a contract for the purchase and sale of that dairy-produce made after the commencement of this Act but before the Board has given notice of its intention to assume control of that dairy-produce, and that the dairy-produce to which any such contract as aforesaid relates is to be exported from New Zealand not later than the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

(8.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of this section, the Board shall not exercise its powers under this section with respect to the sale of any dairy-produce so as prejudicially to affect the operation of any contract of agency in respect of the sale of dairy-produce out of New Zealand if such contract has been entered into in writing on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

*Contracts for Shipment of Dairy-produce.*

14. (1.) After the constitution of the Board, or after such later date as the Board may by public notice appoint, no contract for the carriage by sea of any dairy-produce to be exported from New Zealand shall be made save by the Board acting as the agent of the owners of that dairy-produce or of other persons having authority to export the same, or in conformity with conditions to be approved by the Board: Provided that if the Board established under the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22, by resolution notified to the Board under this Act, determines not to enter into any contract for the sea carriage of meat save in accordance with an arrangement between that Board and the Board under this Act, the Board under this Act shall not, while such resolution remains in force, have authority to enter into any contract for the sea carriage of dairy-produce save in accordance with an arrangement to be made with the Meat-producers Board.

(2.) Every contract for the carriage of dairy-produce by sea made otherwise than in conformity with this section shall be void.

(3.) Every person other than the Board who, after the constitution of the Board, or after such later date as aforesaid, exports any dairy-produce from New Zealand shall, on making entry therefor under the Customs Acts and before such entry has been passed, produce to the Collector or other officer of Customs sufficient evidence to satisfy him that the contract for the shipment of that dairy-produce has been approved by the Board.

(4.) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to contracts made before the constitution of the Board (whether before or after the commencement of this Act), save that the approval of the Board shall not be required for any such contract if the dairy-produce to which it relates is exported from New Zealand not later than the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

*Levy on Dairy-produce exported from New Zealand.*

15. (1.) There shall be paid by way of levy on all dairy-produce exported from New Zealand after a date to be fixed in that behalf by the Governor-General in Council, whether such dairy-produce is subject to the control of the Board or not, such charges as may from time to time be fixed by the Board, not exceeding the maximum charges that may be prescribed in that behalf by regulations under this Act (being not more in any case than one-eighth of a penny in respect of each pound of butter and one-sixteenth of a penny in respect of each pound of cheese exported as aforesaid).

(2.) All moneys payable under this section in respect of any dairy-produce shall be paid to the Collector of Customs on or before the entry of that dairy-produce for export, and shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(3.) The net amounts paid into the Consolidated Fund as aforesaid, after deducting such proportion as may be prescribed in respect of the services of the Collectors and other officers of Customs, shall from time to time be paid to the Board without further appropriation than this section, and shall form part of the funds of the Board.