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EDITORIAL:

Our Association has now reached the end of another period in its life, and the Annual General Meeting being held on December 2nd at Christchurch is important as this meeting must plan towards the future.

Firstly, it is important that the work load be shared among the Executive and that each member accepts the responsibility of the position. This Association has a big part to play in the future of the beekeeping industry and in fact a part to play in the standard of living of every person in this Country, as there is no doubt that without increased exports from all facets this Country cannot maintain a standard of living comparable with its counterparts overseas.

It is important that every business in this Country becomes export orientated and that we, as an Industry tell the bureaucratic departments that we are not going to be dictated to and controlled in such a way that we cannot expand and develop in a profitable manner.

The Industry has also got to forget the past petty jealousies and divisions, and the leaders of the industry have got to do away with their political prodding within the Industry using one section against another in the way that the President of the Waikato branch recently did in a publication in the New Zealand Herald where he stated that the packers in this Country were taking advantage of the lack of finance provided by Government in a season where there was a flood of honey on the New Zealand market. Such a statement is completely false, and does nothing to enhance and develop a spirit of co-operation in the Industry. In this bulletin also is a letter from Mr Oliver of the Department of Trade and Industry suggesting that our Association should pass a resolution that only the unaltered copies of the New Zealand Honey Marketing Authoritys price lists be distributed to members by the Association, and that no sanctions will be imposed on any Members who do not comply with the price lists. No other price lists from any other source will be displayed unless the list first complies with Section 28/4 of the Commerce Act 1975.

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At no time has the Department of Trade and Industry shown how we have not complied with that Section of the Commerce Act, and this is another example of the bureaucratic control that appears to demand this type of thing while allowing the Motor Industry and the Grocery Industry, together with many other industries, to publish regular price lists for their Members.

It is interesting to note that there is somewhere in the vicinity of 54% of the total working force in Government service, and some 11% only of the working force producing some 90% of our overseas income. It is perhaps time that Government took a very close look at the controls it imposes on the few who are doing much towards the benefit of the total population of this Country.

EDITOR:

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LETTERS:

REESE BROS PLASTICS LTD

23 November 1978

Lloyd Holt Ltd
NGONGOTAHA

Dear Lloyd,

Confirming our telephone conversation of today. Please find enclosed an amended price list to my earlier letter of 26/10.

Association Members

2 Kg container	Base	-	\$0. 16 each
	Lid	-	\$0.085 each
	Base & Lid	-	\$0.245 each

Non-Members

	Base	-	\$0. 18 each
	Lid	-	\$0. 10 each
	Base & Lid	-	\$0. 28 each

Quality Discounts (Non-members only)

0	-	199	-	Nil
200	-	999	-	2.5%
1,000	-	1999	-	5%
2,000	-	& over	-	7.5%

The Honey Packers Association will receive a 5% commission on all sales.

As you can see Lloyd, the lowest price available to a non-member will be \$0. 259 for a base and lid (7.5% discount). This price is 5.7% higher than the members price.

All other conditions will remain as in my letter of 26.10.78. I would anticipate that this will be satisfactory to the Honey Packers Association.

I will be at the White Heron at 10 am on 2 December 1978 for any further discussions.

Yours sincerely,
REESE BROS. PLASTICS LTD

R M Tunnicliffe, General Manager

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13 October 1978

The Manager,
Bank of New Zealand,
Rotorua Central Branch
ROTORUA

Dear Sir,

I enclose the Association's cheque for \$3000.00, and would be grateful if you would place this sum on term deposit for term of six months.

Yours faithfully

BONNI WILDE
SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

16 November 1978

The Secretary
New Zealand Honey Packers Asscn Inc
ROTORUA

Dear Ms Wilde

PROPOSED HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS:

I write further to my letter to you dated September 8 1978. First of all I must apologise for the error in your Association's title. The word "Beekeeper" was inadvertent.

For your Association's consideration I enclose a copy of the proposed Honey Export Regulations.

Yours faithfully

G M Walton
for Director Advisory Services Division

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

17 November 1978

To Members of :

The New Zealand Honey Marketing Authority
The National Beekeepers' Association of NZ (Inc)
The Association of Honeydew Producers
The Comb Honey Producers Association
The New Zealand Honey Packers Association (Inc)

Dear Sir or Madam

PROPOSED HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS:

I am enclosing a copy of the proposed Honey Export Regulations which are intended to replace the Honey Export Regulations 1950. The written submissions of your organisation are sought.

There have been a number of major changes related to honey that have occurred internationally during the past 20 years. Most countries have introduced, or revised, their legislation pertaining to honey. Considerable emphasis has been placed on honey as a natural, pure, food product. In general this has been achieved by closer attention to the definition for honey, its physical and chemical composition, its hygienic processing, and its labelling.

The proposed Honey Export Regulations are designed primarily to recognise the current international requirements related to honey. In particular, these proposals have been prepared in recognition of the legislative requirements imposed by the European Economic Community and its member countries, Japan and the Middle East. These countries import the greater portion of New Zealand's exported honey.

The principal effects of the proposed Regulations will be to :

- (a) define, and lay down compositional requirements and standards for honey.
- (b) require honey intended for export to be processed, handled, packed and examined in compliance with food hygiene provisions of the Health Act, Food and Drugs Act.
- (c) specify certain requirements related to the trade description of honey.

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- (d) require all honey intended for export to be submitted for examination.
- (e) provide for the appointment of officers and analysts to examine and analyse the honey.
- (f) require an export certificate to be issued prior to the export of honey.

Honey would be defined as the substance produced by honeybees Apis mellifera, from the nectar of blossoms, or from other parts of plants (honeydew), which honeybees collect, transform combine with other substances of their own and store in honeycomb. This internationally accepted definition for honey would broaden the existing New Zealand definition for honey which is presently limited to blossom honey. A change to the Apiaries Act 1969 would be required to effect this modification in the definition of honey.

The proposed Regulations made provision for comb honey, chunk honey, honeydew honey and industrial honey; all not previously prescribed under the 1950 Regulation.

"Industrial honey" is honey which -

- (i) has a moisture content in excess of 18.5 percent, or
- (ii) contains foreign tastes or odours, or
- (iii) has begun to ferment or effervesce.

The proposed Regulations do not prescribe grades for honey, or stipulate container types. This is considered to be the responsibility of the exporter.

In issuing an export certificate for honey an officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries will verify that the exporter has met the provisions of the Regulations. The onus will rest with the exporter of the honey to ensure that his food product has been hygienically prepared, accurately described, and effectively packaged.

Comments on these proposals should be sent to the Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture), Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, P O Box 2298, Wellington, as to arrive not later than January 31, 1979. If so invited, I would be prepared to meet representatives of your organisation during the next two months to discuss the proposed Regulations.

G M WALTON For Director Advisory Services Division

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HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS 1979

Draft: November 1978

Title and Commencement

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the Honey Export Regulations 1979.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the
day of 1979.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" means the Apiaries Act 1969;

"Analyst" means a person appointed under regulation 12 of these regulations;

"Blossom Honey" means honey produced wholly or mainly from the nectar of blossoms;

"Bulk Honey" means honey intended after export to be further processed and packed;

"Chunk Honey" means honey which contains at least one piece of comb honey;

"Comb Honey" means honey stored by honeybees in the cells of freshly built broodless combs and intended for export in sealed whole combs or in parts of such combs;

"Container" includes any drum, tin, jar, box, wrapper, or other receptacle used for the containing of honey;

"Director" means the Director, Advisory Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"Director-General" means the Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"Export Certificate" means a certificate issued for the export of honey by an officer under regulation 8 of these regulations;

"Extracted Honey" means honey obtained by centrifuging uncapped broodless honeycombs;

"Honey" as defined under the Act, means the fluid, viscous or crystallized substance which is produced by honeybees

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(Apis mellifera) from the nectar of blossoms, or from secretions of, or on, living parts of plants other than blossoms, which honey bees collect, transform, combine with substances of their own and store and leave to mature in honeycombs;

"Honeybee" means any member of the species Apis mellifera L.

"Honeydew Honey" means honey produced wholly or mainly from secretions of or found on living parts of plants other than blossoms;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"Officer" means a person appointed under regulation 12 of these regulations;

"Owner" means any owner, shipper or consignor of honey, and includes the agent of such owner, shipper, or consignor, and also includes in the case of a company the Managing Director, Manager, or other principal officer of the company in New Zealand;

"Pressed Honey" means honey intended after export to be retailed without further processing and packing.

3. Exemptions

(1) These regulations do not apply to honey in gift or sample packages up to 10 kilograms net weight dispatched by post or contained in the luggage of a person leaving New Zealand

(2) Where the Director-General is satisfied that any honey is to be exported for experimental purposes or in such circumstances that it is desirable that all or any of these regulations should not apply to the export of that honey, he by writing under his hand, exempt the export of that honey from the application of all or any of these regulations.

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4. Trade Description

- (1) The trade description of honey intended for export shall -
 - (a) contain the word "honey" in prominent and legible characters. The word "honey" shall be preceded -
 - (i) in the case of honeydew honey by the word "honeydew";
 - (ii) in the case of comb honey, chunk honey, or pressed honey by the words, "comb", "chunk", or "pressed", as the case may be;
 - (iii) in any of the cases referred to in regulation 5 920 by the word "industrial."
 - (b) contain the words "New Zealand."
 - (c) Contain the name or trade name of the processor, packer or exporter of the honey.
 - (d) contain the net weight
 - (e) be clear, legible, indelible, in a conspicuous position, and shall be inscribed on or securely attached to the container.
- (2) The Director may, subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, permit the trade description to contain the name or trade name of the consignee, instead of the particulars referred to in part (c) of the preceding subregulation.
- (3) The description of the honey marked on, or attached to the container shall be in the English language unless the Director permits the whole or portion of the trade description to be in an language other than English.
- (4) Where the processor or packer of the honey is not the exporter of the honey, the trade description shall include the name or trade name of the processor or packer or a or a code number approved by the Director.

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- (5) The term "honey" referred to in part (a) of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation may be supplemented inter alia by -
- (a) a reference to the origin, whether blossom or plant, provided the honey is derived wholly or mainly from the blossom or plant indicated;
 - (b) a national, regional, territorial or topographical name, provided the honey originated wholly in the region, territory or area indicated.
- (6) Any written or pictorial matter appearing on a label or an inscription marked on or attached to the container of honey intended for export shall not be presented in such a way as to misrepresent or distort the nature, substance or quality of the honey.

5. Standards for Honey

- (1) Honey intended for export shall be, as far as practicable, free from mould, insects, insect debris, brood or any other organic or inorganic substance foreign to the composition of honey.
- (2) Honey intended for export shall not -
- (a) have any foreign tastes or odours;
 - (b) have begun to ferment or effervesce;
 - (c) have moisture content in excess of 18.5%;
- except that honey described as "industrial honey" need not comply with this subregulation provided that the moisture content does not exceed 25%.
- (3) Honey intended for export shall not have an artificially changed acidity, nor contain substances in such quantity as to endanger human health.

- (4) No person shall add to any honey intended for export and described as "honey" any food or substance other than honey.
- (5) The Director-General may from time to time by notice in the Gazette determine other standards related to composition, classification and analysis of honey intended for export to any particular destination specified in the notice.
- (6) Containers for Honey
 - (1) Containers for honey intended for export shall be -
 - (a) strongly and effectively constructed;
 - (b) in the opinion of an officer, in such a condition as to ensure that the honey will arrive at its destination in good order;
 - (c) clean and free from corrosion; and
 - (d) new, or used for no other purpose except to contain honey.
 - (2) The lid, or bung, of each bulk honey container shall be sufficiently wide to allow an officer to examine the honey and to procure a sample.
7. Submission of Honey for Examination
 - (1) The Director shall from time to time -
 - (a) specify and approve suitable premises for the examination of honey intended for export; and
 - (b) designate the days and times during which an officer may undertake the examination of honey at approved premises.
 - (2) Any person who intends to export honey shall deliver the honey to premises approved for the examination of honey at least three clear working days before a designated examination date and shall provide the officer responsible for the examination a notice of intention to export honey as prescribed in Form 1 of the Schedule.
 - (3) A person who intends to export honey shall submit the honey for examination in lots, and clearly identified as such. Each lot shall be reasonably uniform in class and standard.

8. Export Certificate for Honey

- (1) An export certificate shall be issued by an officer in respect of honey submitted for export certification which in the opinion of the officer meets the requirements of these regulations.
- (2) The honey shall be certified according to -
 - (a) its origin; blossom honey or honeydew honey
 - (b) its mode of presentation: extracted honey, comb honey, chunk honey or pressed honey.
 - (c) its physical state: fluid, viscous or crystallised.
 - (d) whether it is bulk honey or retail honey.
 - (e) the name of the blossom or plant from which the honey was wholly or mainly derived, if the honey has been described on the container as such.
 - (f) the name of the region, territory or area from which the honey was wholly originated, if the honey has been described on the container as such.
- (3) Where an export certificate for honey is issued the certificate must accompany the honey shipment, A copy of the export certificate for honey shall be delivered to the officer of Customs on duty at the port or airport through which the honey is to be exported.

9. Re-examination of Honey

- (1) If an officer has reasonable cause to believe that, since the examination of any honey intended for export, the condition or quality of the honey has changed, he may re-examine the honey.
- (2) If, having regard to the condition or quality of the honey as disclosed by the re-examination, the officer is satisfied that -
 - (a) the containers of the honey are not marked in the prescribed manner with the prescribed trade description; or

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- (b) any condition or restriction applicable under these regulations in respect to the honey has not been complied with,

the officer may cancel the export certificate for the honey.

- (3) Where an export certificate is cancelled under the preceeding subregulation, the owner shall, if so required by an officer forthwith surrender the certificate to the officer.

10. False Declarations and Interference with Official Markings

No person shall -

- (a) make a false or misleading statement in a declaration furnished pursuant to these regulations; or
- (b) except with the authority of an officer, remove, alter or interfere with a trade description, label, official stamp or mark applied to or marked on a container of honey that is intended for export and has been examined by an officer; or
- (c) empty, exchange unduly heat or otherwise interfere with the contents of any container of honey that is intended for export and has been examined by an officer; or
- (d) alter, obliterate or otherwise interfere with any certificate or other document issued under these regulations.

11. Responsibilities of Owner

It shall be the responsibility of the owner, in respect of honey intended for export, to -

- (a) make all arrangements and meet all costs for the transport, receipt, storage, opening, repacking, removal for shipment, and all other services, including insurance, protection from damage, and loss of any kind;
- (b) provide all facilities and labour required for the examination, re-examination, and sampling of honey pursuant to these regulations;
- (c) meet or provide all other certificates or documents which may be required by any importing country or buyer, and not provided by the Ministry.

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12. Appointment of Officers, Analysts, etc

- (1) There may from time to time be appointed under the State Services Act 1962 such analysts, officers and other persons as may be required for the purposes of these regulations.
- (2) The Director-General may from time to time appoint any person, not being an officer or employee of the Public Service, as an analyst or officer for the purposes of these regulations, and may also prescribe the powers and functions of any person so appointed. No person appointed under this sub-regulation shall by virtue of that appointment become an officer or employee of the Public Service, and nothing in the State Services Act 1962 shall apply with respect to any appointment made under this subregulation.

13. Powers of Officers and Analysts

- (1) In the exercise of his functions under these regulations an officer may -
 - (a) at all reasonable times, enter, inspect and examine any premises used, or proposed to be used, for the processing, packing, storage or examination of honey intended for export, and may also inspect and examine any appliance, utensil and any Operation or activity carried on therein, and also any conveyance or ship for the carriage of honey;
 - (b) inspect and examine any honey intended for export and take samples without payment for inspection or analysis;
 - (c) at any time and in any place detain and open any package containing, or supposed to contain honey intended for export, for the purpose of inspecting or taking samples of the contents thereof, or of ascertaining whether the package bears or contains any false trade description, label or inscription.

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- (2) Every officer or analyst appointed under these regulations shall, for the purposes of these regulations, have all the powers and functions of an officer under the Food and Drugs Act 1969.
14. Methods of Sampling and Analysis
The Director-General may, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe methods of sampling and analysis of honey.
15. Officer's Decision Final
The decision of an officer in the exercise of his powers under these regulations shall be conclusive, and no action or other proceeding shall lie against any officer, or against the Crown, in respect to any erroneous decision of an officer as to the certification of any honey.
16. Offences
- (1) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who knowingly contravenes or fails to comply in any respect with any of the provisions of regulations 8, 9, 10 and 11 of these regulations.
- (2) Every person who commits an offence against these regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200.
17. Revocation
The Honey Export Regulations 1950 as amended by the Honey Export Amendment Regulations 1962 are hereby revoked.

There is also a Schedule Reg. 7 (2) attached to these Regulations entitled Form 1 - NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EXPORT HONEY.

These presumably are available from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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Agenda for Annual Meeting to be held at the White Heron
Travel Lodge in Christchurch at 10 a.m. December 2nd 1978.

- 9.00 - 9.30 Arrival and welcome of members
- 9.30 Morning tea
- 10.00 Mr R Tunnicliffe of Reese Bros and
discussion on 2Kg container future
- 10.30 (a) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
- (b) Business arising from meeting
- (c) Presentation of Annual Balance Sheet and
 Presidents Report
- (d) Minutes of Special General Meetings
 held in Hastings on 25/7/78
- (e) Election of Officers for 1978 - 79
- Lunch 12 - 12.45
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- 1.00 p.m. General Meeting
1. Minutes of Last General Meeting
2. Business arising from Minutes
3. Correspondence
4. Finance - Cost on running Bulletin and
 Presidents expenses
5. Proposed Exports Regulations
6. Reese Bros 2 Kg Container future
 arrangements
7. General Business