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THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (GRADING AND MARKING) (BEEF) REGULATIONS, 1938, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS TO GRADE DESIGNATIONS AND GRADE DESIGNATION MARKS FOR BEEF.

1938 No. 1611

18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 19. 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 40. In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Acts, 1928 and 1931, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Prescription of Grade designations. 1. Grade designations to indicate the quality of beef carcasses of cattle killed in England and Wales shall be as follows:—

SUPER
SELECT
PRIME
GOOD

and the quality indicated by such grade designations shall be deemed to be as described in the First Schedule hereto.

Grade designation Marks.

2. For all carcasses of cattle killed in England and Wales other than those referred to in Regulation 3, a grade designation mark shall be one of the grade designations specified in Regulation 1 associated with the words "Home Killed" and with the following mark, namely, a map of England and Wales in outline with a circle placed centrally in the map and the letters "SS" or the letter "S," "P" or "G" placed on each side thereof according to whether the grade designation "Super," "Select," "Prime" or "Good" respectively constitutes part of the grade designation mark here referred to, all of which is more particularly described in the Second Schedule hereto.

3. For carcasses of fat cattle imported from Canada under Part II of the Animals (Importation) Order of 1930(a) and killed in the landing wharf within ten days after landing, and for carcasses of cattle imported from Canada under the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1933(b) and killed as fat in the landing wharf or killed at premises to which they have been sent under licence, a grade designation mark shall be one of the grade designations specified in Regulation 1 associated with the words "Canada—Home Killed," all of which is more particularly described in the Third Schedule hereto.

Revocation.

4. The Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Beef) Regulations, 1931,(c) are hereby revoked.

(a) S.R. & O. 1930 No. 922 *see* the title "Animals."

(b) S.R. & O. 1933 No. 15 *see* the title "Animals."

(c) S.R. & O. 1931 (No. 632) p. 1.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Produce Short title.
(Grading and Marking) (Beef) Regulations, 1938.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture
and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 15th day of December, 1938.

(L.S.)

Donald Fergusson,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE I

BEEF CARCASSES

Grade Designation	Definition of Quality
SUPER	<p>A bullock or heifer carcase having the following characteristics :—</p> <p><i>Conformation.</i>—Carcase compact and very heavily and uniformly fleshed throughout. Rounds, loins and chines extremely well developed and rounded. Chucks, shoulders and plates exceptionally thick and heavily fleshed. Neck and shins short. Fine in the bone.</p> <p><i>Finish.</i>—Exterior surface of carcase entirely covered with smooth creamy coloured fat, not wasteful at any point. Interior walls well covered. Cod or udder, kidney and aitch fats abundant, but not excessive. Fat firm.</p> <p>Flesh firm and of a light rosy or cherry-red colour. The spinal processes of the chine bones terminating in soft, pearly-white cartilages.</p>
SELECT	<p>A bullock or heifer carcase having the following characteristics :—</p> <p><i>Conformation.</i>—Carcase heavily and uniformly fleshed throughout. Rounds, loins and chines well developed and rounded. Chucks, shoulders and plates thick and well fleshed. Neck and shins relatively short.</p> <p><i>Finish.</i>—Carcase almost entirely covered with smooth fat not wasteful at any point. Interior walls well covered. Cod or udder, kidney, and aitch fats abundant, but not excessive. Fat firm and creamy in colour.</p> <p>Flesh firm and of a light rosy or cherry-red colour. The spinal processes of the chine bones terminating in soft, pearly white cartilages, which may be pitted.</p>

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Grade Designation	Definition of Quality
PRIME	<p>A bullock or heifer (*) carcass having the following characteristics :—</p> <p><i>Conformation.</i>—Loins, rounds and chins reasonably well fleshed. Chucks, shoulders and plates reasonably thick. Forequarters may be relatively heavy.</p> <p><i>Finish.</i>—Fat covering should extend over most of the exterior surface but may be somewhat patchy over rumps, loins, ribs and shoulders. Neck and lower part of rounds, shoulders and shins generally may have little fat covering. Cod or udder, kidney and aitch fats may be either in moderate supply or somewhat excessive. Interior walls of forequarters may be only partially covered. Fat firm and reasonably light in colour.</p> <p>Flesh moderately firm, the colour ranging from light cherry-red to a slightly darker red. The spinal processes of the chine bones may terminate in cartilages showing partial ossification.</p>
GOOD	<p>A bullock or heifer (*) carcass having the following characteristics :—</p> <p><i>Conformation.</i>—Loins, rounds and chins showing some depth of flesh ; otherwise carcass may be somewhat irregular and angular with shins and neck relatively long.</p> <p><i>Finish.</i>—Exterior fats may be somewhat deficient or excessive. Some cod or udder and kidney fats essential. Fat may be somewhat highly coloured.</p>

(*) A carcass of a heifer which, in the opinion of a meat grader duly authorised by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, has had one calf only or reached a stage of pregnancy which will depreciate the value of the carcass, is eligible for either "Prime" or "Good" grade provided its conformation and finish is up to the standard prescribed for "Select" or "Prime" grade respectively.

SCHEDULE II

GRADE DESIGNATION MARKS

The marks hereunder shown shall be grade designation marks for the purpose of Regulation 2 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Beef) Regulations, 1938.

Grade Designation Mark for "SUPER."	Grade Designation Mark for "SELECT."	Grade Designation Mark for "PRIME."	Grade Designation Mark for "GOOD."
SUPER	SELECT	PRIME	GOOD
HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME
KILLED	KILLED	KILLED	KILLED
			

SCHEDULE III

GRADE DESIGNATION MARKS

The marks hereunder shown shall be grade designation marks for the purpose of Regulation 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) (Beef) Regulations, 1938.

Grade Designation Mark for "SUPER"	Grade Designation Mark for "SELECT"	Grade Designation Mark for "PRIME"	Grade Designation Mark for "GOOD"
<p>SUPER CANADA HOME KILLED</p>	<p>SELECT CANADA HOME KILLED</p>	<p>PRIME CANADA HOME KILLED</p>	<p>GOOD CANADA HOME KILLED</p>