

## THE SILKWORM INDUSTRY PROTECTION LAW.

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## SILKWORM INDUSTRY PROTECTION RULES.

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1. These rules may be cited as the Silkworm Industry Protection Rules.
2. In these rules the word "licensee" means every person licensed by the Director of Agriculture under the provisions of rule 9 to raise eggs.
3. Every person wishing to import silkworm eggs must apply in writing to the Director of Agriculture and such application must reach the office of the Director of Agriculture not later than the 15th of June in each year.
4. No application for the importation of silkworm eggs received by the Director of Agriculture after the 15th of June in each year will be entertained, unless the Director of Agriculture at his discretion otherwise directs.
5. Every consignment of eggs imported into Cyprus shall be accompanied by an official certificate of the Government authority responsible for the silkworm industry in the country of origin stating that the eggs—
  - (a) have been produced under the Pasteur Cellular system,
  - (b) are free from all disease,
  - (c) are free from any admixture of foreign substances,
  - (d) have not been coloured artificially, and
  - (e) do not include more than five per centum of infertile eggs.
6. Each box of any consignment of eggs shall be sealed by a banderolle affixed by Government authority specified in rule 5 guaranteeing the quality, quantity and variety of the contents and the name of the producing firm and of the importer.
7. Before any consignment of imported eggs is passed through the Customs, the proper officer of the Customs shall inform the Director of Agriculture of their arrival and shall forward for his consideration any certificate or other document produced by the importer. If the Director of Agriculture shall authorize the importation of the consignment, each box of the consignment shall be banderolled by a Sericulture Inspector with a Cyprus banderolle.
8. The Director of Agriculture may refuse the importation of any consignment of eggs if the provisions of the Law or these rules are not complied with. The Director of Agriculture shall thereupon notify the proper officer of Customs and the importer of his refusal to allow the importation. The importer thereupon shall be permitted to re-export the said eggs within a month from the date of such refusal and failing such re-exportation within such period the said eggs shall be destroyed without compensation. The Customs authorities shall notify the Director of Agriculture of the date of such re-exportation or destruction.
9. The Director of Agriculture may, if he shall think fit, issue a licence, authorizing the person to whom it is granted to raise eggs on the Pasteur Cellular system, to any person engaged in producing eggs who possesses a suitable microscope or can satisfy the Director of Agriculture that he has the use of a suitable microscope and is certified by the Director of Agriculture to have sufficient knowledge of its use as applied to sericulture. Such licence shall be an annual licence expiring on the 28th February in each year.
10. Every licensee shall when called upon by the Director of Agriculture submit himself and his microscope for examination by the Director of Agriculture or his representative.

11. Every licensee wishing to renew his licence shall apply during the months of December and January to the Director of Agriculture, but in any case not later than the 31st day of January in any year. Further applications may be received up to the 20th of February in any year and these may be considered in special cases. No applications received after the 20th February in any year shall be considered, except on payment of a sum of five shillings to the Director of Agriculture.

12. Every licensee shall inform the Director of Agriculture immediately after the completion of the microscoping of his eggs, and in any case not later than the 31st of December in each year, of the quantity of eggs produced by him, and shall at the same time furnish a certificate to the effect that all the eggs submitted by him for banderolling—

- (a) are free from any admixture of foreign substances,
- (b) have not been artificially coloured, and
- (c) do not include more than five per centum of infertile eggs.

13.—(1) After the receipt by the Director of Agriculture of the notification as provided in rule 12, all eggs owned by a licensee shall be produced on demand to a Sericulture Inspector and the total number of boxes belonging to such licensee shall be counted by the Inspector. The Inspector shall take samples of such eggs and shall forthwith send them in a box, duly sealed in the presence of the licensee, to the Director of Agriculture, who shall cause the eggs to be hatched out and the worms to be microscopically examined as hereinafter provided and certified to be either diseased or healthy.

(2) If the samples of eggs shall be found to be diseased then the whole quantity of eggs, the property of such licensee, shall be dealt with in accordance with section 15 of the Law. If found healthy, the Director of Agriculture shall instruct a Sericulture Inspector forthwith to banderolle the total quantity of boxes produced by the licensee as aforesaid.

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(3) Each licensee shall be notified fifteen days in advance of the date of the microscopical examination of his eggs. If the licensee or his representative shall fail to attend at the date notified, then the eggs shall be examined in his absence.

(4) All boxes of eggs shall be banderolled not later than the 1st February in each year.

14. At the time of taking samples, the Sericulture Inspector shall, provisionally and pending authority to banderolle, affix to all boxes of eggs produced by a licensee stamps of a prescribed pattern in such manner as effectively to seal each box.

15. Every box of locally raised eggs authorized by the Director of Agriculture to be banderolled shall be banderolled by a Sericulture Inspector with a banderolle stating the variety, quality and quantity of the contents and the name and address of the producer. The quantity shall be expressed in grammes or drams, 25 grammes being equivalent to 8 Cyprus drams or one ounce.

16. The eggs contained in any box the banderolle of which is effaced, torn or illegible shall be regarded as illegally raised and shall be dealt with accordingly.

17. All silkworm eggs locally raised or imported shall be placed in hibernation from not later than the 5th day of January in each year until not earlier than the 20th day of February in each year.

18.—(1) No place of hibernation, whether hill station or cool chamber, shall be used for the hibernation of silkworm eggs unless it shall be approved for that purpose by the Director of Agriculture.

(2) Any place of hibernation shall at all times between the 5th day of January and the 20th day of February in each year be available for inspection by a Sericulture Inspector.

19. No person shall rear worms from eggs supplied by more than one person except with the permission in writing of the Director of Agriculture.

20. Every licensee shall notify to the Director of Agriculture not later than the 1st day of March in each year the names and addresses of the persons, if any, from whom he intends to obtain cocoons for the purpose of raising eggs and the quantity of such cocoons.

21. Every licensee and every rearer of silkworms shall burn or bury all refuse and litter as soon as removed from the trays and to the satisfaction of a Sericulture Inspector.

22. Any eggs not duly banded in accordance with the provisions of these rules shall be seized by any member of the police or any village authority pending an order for their disposal.

23. The names of all licensees shall annually be published in the *Gazette*. Where a licence has been cancelled, owing to a breach of these rules or otherwise, the name of the person whose licence has been cancelled shall be published in the same manner.

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