

Salt Herring Standardized by Law.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT STEPS
IN TO IMPROVE CURE AND
PACKING OF HERRING.

The following regulations for the curing and packing of dry salted herring and the standardization of the container in which same are exported were adopted by order-in-council, July 24th last, and will be made effective October 1. They apply to British Columbia waters to which this branch of the industry is confined.

Water to be Drained From Fish.
1. Any water that may have accumulated amongst the fresh fish in a boat or scow shall be allowed to drain away when the fish are being discharged therefrom and before salting takes place.

Method of Salting.
2. The fresh fish shall be thoroughly salted into tanks or other watertight receptacles in such a manner as will permit of each fish coming in contact with the salt. All fish shall be sound and they shall be salted within twenty-four hours after being taken from the sea. If the tanks or other receptacles stand in the open when filled, they shall be covered and protected from rain and snow.

Length of Time Fish to Remain in Salt.

3. Fish taken on the west coast of Vancouver Island from the beginning of the fall season up to the end of the first week in December shall remain in salt for a period of not less than five days of twenty-four hours each. Fish taken on the west coast of Vancouver Island after the first week in December and all fish taken on the east coast, shall remain in salt for a period of not less than four days of twenty-four hours each before being boxed for shipment. All fish boxed for shipment shall be sound, thoroughly cured, and in good condition.

Size of Boxes.

4. Boxes for shipment of dry salted herring to the Orient shall be forty-two inches long, twenty-four and one-half inches wide, and fourteen inches deep, outside measurements. The side, top and bottom shall consist of good sound board one inch in thickness. The boxes shall be strongly made and well nailed.

Packing, Filling of Boxes and Marks.

5. The fish, on removal from the tanks shall be well drained of pickle, firmly packed in the boxes and sprinkled with salt. Each box shall be filled to its utmost capacity with fish at the time of shipment. A mark or number shall be plainly marked on each box to indicate the packer of the fish.

Time and Place of Inspection.

6. The fish, at the place of curing and packing, shall be subject to inspection during the process of discharging from the boats or scows, and thereafter until they are boxed for shipment. The boxes also shall be subject to inspection at the same time and place.

Shipments May be Detained.

7. An inspector may detain for the time necessary to complete his inspection any shipment in respect of which he has reasonable grounds for believing that the boxes or fish are not such as the regulations require.

Certificate of Inspection.

8. If an inspector is satisfied, after inspection, that the fish and boxes are such as the regulations require, he shall furnish the packer with a formal certificate of inspection, and no shipment shall leave the packer's place without such certificate.

Fish or Boxes Below Standard.

9. If an inspector finds after inspection that either fish or boxes are not such as the regulations require, he shall state in his certificate wherein the fish or boxes fail to comply with the requirements, and the packer of such fish shall be liable to the penalty provided by subsection 2 of section 11 of the Act (as amended 1920).

Re Inspection on Appeal.

10. In the event of a packer or owner appealing against the decision of an inspector, and of another inspection being ordered, the inspector who carries out the second inspection shall proceed in such manner as will thoroughly satisfy him as to whether the fish or boxes comply with the regulations.

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