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*made by the Town Council under section 206, and approved of by the Governor in Council on the 12th July, 1952, deemed to have been made under section 321 of this Act*

Citation.

**1.** These By-laws may be cited as the City (Markets) By-laws.

Interpretation.

**2.** In these By-laws—

"Clerk of Markets" includes the Assistant Clerk, and the officer of the Council for the time being in charge of any

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market;

"cold stores" means premises or places used for keeping and pre-serving by a refrigerating process any fresh meat, game, fish, fruit, vegetables or other articles intended for human consumption;

"fees" include tolls, rates, dues, rents, and other imposts in relation to any market;

"fresh meat" includes unsalted beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork, tripe and turtle, and any other meat used for human consumption, frozen meat and what is locally known as and called "corned meat";

"market" means any market and the premises used therewith mentioned in or established under by-law 3 of these by-laws;

"master" includes any person in charge of a vessel;

"Medical Officer of Health" and "Meat and Food Inspector" include any persons appointed for the time being to carry out the duties of these officers;

"stall" includes any counter, bench, stand or other erection and any space set apart for the reception of any articles for sale;

"vessel" includes every kind of navigable craft, in whatever way propelled.

Markets.

3. (1) The Stabroek Market, the Bourda Market, the Albuoystown Market and such other markets as shall from time to time be established shall be under the control and supervision of the Clerk of Markets subject to the direction of the Council.

(2) The Clerk of Markets shall keep a correct account of all fees and revenues accruing to the markets and

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shall, at such times as the Council may direct, pay over the moneys received by him to the Town Clerk.

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4. (1) No member of the Council, officer or servant employed by the Council, shall be in any manner interested directly or indirectly in the sale of anything offered for sale in the markets, or shall receive directly or indirectly any emolument of any kind or description from the markets or from the sale of anything therein.

(2) Any person committing a breach of this by-law shall be liable to a fine of ten thousand dollars and, in the case of any officer or servant of the Council, to dismissal.

(3) No person shall be deemed to have committed a breach of this by-law by reason only of the fact that he is a proprietor or shareholder in any joint stock company or association doing business in any market.

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opening.  
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5.(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the days on which and the hours between which the markets shall be opened and kept open shall be as follows—

Weekdays other than Public Holidays

and Wednesdays ... .. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesdays ... .. 7 a.m. - 12 noon

Public Holidays and Sundays ... .. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Provided that—

- (a) if there is a Public Holiday on Thursday, Friday or Saturday then the Wednesday work hour shall be 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (b) during the Christmas period the hours shall be—
  - (i) for the first seven workings days of the period... .. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- (ii) for the second seven working days of the period... .. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- (iii) on Christmas eve on the Saturday preceding Christmas Eve when the latter Day falls on a Sunday ... 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(2) The Stelling View Market, East Ruimveldt Market, Stabroek Bazaar, Bourda Green and such other markets as shall from time to time designated by the Clerk of Markets (subject to the direction of the Council), shall be opened and kept opened as follows—

- (a) Weekdays other than Public Holidays... .. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- (b) Public Holidays and Sundays ... .. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- (c) A Council may however, allow the Markets mentioned in this subsection, or any other area designated as market, to open for any such period as seem fit by that Council.

(3) Any person acting in contravention of the working hours set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

(4) In this by-law the expression "Christmas period" means the 15 working days immediately preceding Christmas Eve.

6. Any unauthorised person found in a market during prohibited Offence, hours may be arrested without warrant by any police or town constable, and shall in addition to any punishment to which he may be subject in respect of any other offence be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

7. (1) Every person having occasion to use lights in

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Offence. (2) Every person who commits a breach of this by-law shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.  
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Stalls. **8.** (1) The Clerk of Markets shall from time to time direct what articles may be exposed for sale on the stalls in different parts of the markets.

(2) The Clerk of Markets shall cause all the market stalls to be numbered in plain and legible characters and to be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose.

(3) Such book shall also contain the name of every tenant of a stall, the date when each tenancy commenced, the amount of rent, the date when each tenancy ceased and the cause of its ceasing.

Rental of stalls which become vacant. **9.** When any stall becomes vacant the Clerk of Markets may let the same to any approved person at such rent as shall from time to time be fixed by the Clerk of Markets.

Tenancies of stalls. **10.** The tenancy of every stall shall be by the day, week or month, and the rent shall in all cases, be payable in advance. In default of payment, the tenant, if in possession, shall be forthwith ejected by the Clerk of Markets, who may, in addition to any other remedy for the recovery of the rent, seize and sell any goods in such stall sufficient for the payment thereof.

Removal of property. **11.** If the tenant of any stall, on giving up possession, or being ejected, does not forthwith remove all goods belonging to him therein, such goods shall be removed by the Clerk of Markets:

Provided that any perishable article so removed

may be sold at once.

12. (1) No tenant of a stall shall sub-let such stall to any other person.

Sub-letting.

(2) Where any tenant sub-lets a stall in contravention of this by-law, his tenancy shall be deemed to have been terminated and the person in occupation of the stall, shall upon being requested by the Clerk of Markets so to do, vacate the stall and remove therefrom all goods belonging to him.

(3) Where any such person fails to vacate his stall and remove therefrom his goods when requested so to do, the Clerk of the Markets may eject such persons and cause such goods to be removed from the markets.

13. (1) The tenant of a stall shall, on the day of taking possession, place and keep exposed to public view in such part of the front of his stall as the Clerk of the Markets shall point out, his name, in such plain and legible characters and in such manner and form as the Clerk of Markets shall direct.

Name of tenant to be shown on stall.

(2) No tenant shall be allowed to open and use any such stall until he has complied with this by-law.

14. (1) Subject to the provisions of this by-law every tenant shall keep open, or occupy or use his stall at all times.

Stalls to be occupied.

(2) Any tenant who fails to keep open, or occupy or use his stall for more than 6 successive days without the consent of the Clerk of Markets shall be deemed to have terminated his tenancy, and where any rent is owing, the Clerk of Markets may seize and sell any goods in the stall sufficient for the payment thereof.

15. The tenant of a stall may, with the consent of the Clerk of Markets, transfer his tenancy to another person upon

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payment to the Clerk of Markets of such fees as may be prescribed by the Council.

Stall to be kept clean.

**16.** (1) Every tenant of a stall shall at all times keep such stall and the front, rear, sides and roof thereof perfectly clean and free from all offal, filth, and dirt of every kind.

(2) Where any tenant refuses or neglects so to do, the Clerk of Markets shall cause such stall to be cleaned and the expenses incurred in so doing may be recovered by the Clerk of Markets from such tenant by seizure and sale at auction by the Clerk of Markets of any goods in such stall sufficient for the payment thereof, and such tenant shall in addition be liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty dollars for every such refusal or neglect.

**17.** The Clerk of Markets shall see that all the market stalls are cleaned every day before the closing of the markets.

Stall to be kept clean before closing of markets.

**18.** (1) The fees specified in the Schedule to these by-laws shall be paid on goods landed at any market or brought into any market for sale.

Market fees. Schedule. [By-laws 17/1999]

(2) Every person who demands or receives a greater fee than herein authorised shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

(3) Every person who evades or attempts to evade, or assists in evading the payment of any fee, or on whose stall is found any article liable to a fee which has not been paid, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars:

Provided however that the Clerk of Markets may in his discretion allow such person to pay treble the value of such fee.



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(4) Packages shipped from the Market Stelling shall be charged for at a rate not exceeding forty dollars per package at the discretion of the Clerk of Markets.

Lists of fees to be exhibited.

19. Printed lists of the fees from time to time payable shall be exhibited in such parts of the several markets as the Council shall direct.

Vessels bringing goods to Stabroek Market.  
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20. The master of every vessel, other than an open boat, bringing goods for the Stabroek Market shall, before breaking bulk, furnish the Clerk of Markets at his office with a written statement of the description and quantity of all such goods and pay the fees thereon, and shall not commence to unload without a permit in writing from the Clerk of Markets so to do. Every person committing a breach of this by-law shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Penalty for refusal to pay fees.  
[By-laws 17/1999]

21. All goods or livestock taken from any vessel lying alongside of any market stelling and landed at any other stelling or place within the City shall pay market fees, if they have not been already paid at the entry of the vessel; and any person refusing to pay the fees for goods or livestock so landed shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Power of Clerk of Markets.

22. Every market fee leviable and made payable under these bylaws shall be demanded and received by the Clerk of Markets and his receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance and discharge for the same. In default of the payment of any such fee the Clerk of Markets may seize and sell at auction any goods for which such fee is payable sufficient for the payment of such fee.

Uncooked fresh meat not to be brought into markets without

23. (1) It shall not be lawful for any person to bring without the permission of the Council uncooked fresh meat into any market for sale or for any other purpose whatsoever:

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permission.  
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Provided however that this by-law shall not apply to the bringing into any market of uncooked fresh meat by means of any ship, vessel or boat arriving from any place outside of the limits of Guyana.

(2) No prosecution under this by-law shall be instituted without the consent in writing first had and obtained of the Mayor.

(3) Any person who contravenes this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Sale of fresh  
meat in  
markets.  
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**24.** (1) No person shall sell or offer for sale in any market any fresh meat except at a stall set aside and appropriated for that purpose.

(2) Any person who sells or exposes for sale any fresh meat in contravention of this by-law shall be liable on any conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars.

(3) In this by-law "fresh meat" includes turtle and plucked poultry.

Cleanliness.  
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**25.** (1) Every person who sells meat in a market shall while so doing, wear a clean apron or overall, and the stall shall be equipped with a clean dresser, table or shambles.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars.

Table, etc. to be  
washed each  
day.  
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**26.** (1) Every person who sells meat in a market shall, at the close of business each day, scrape and wash the table or shambles and chopping block, and thoroughly cleanse the scale and weights which have been used by him.

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(2) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.

Short weight.  
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27. (1) No person who sells meat in a market shall impose or attempt to impose short weight or unwholesome meat upon any purchaser.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Meat to be  
minced by a  
machine.  
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28. (1) No person shall sell or offer for sale any minced meat unless such meat has been minced by a machine kept in his stall for that purpose.

(2) Every such machine shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and in good order.

(3) The Medical Officer of Health, the Meat and Food Inspector the Clerk of Markets or any sanitary inspector may inspect such machine at any time to ascertain whether it is clean and in good order.

(4) Any meat minced and offered for sale in contravention of the provisions of this by-law may be seized by the Medical Officer, the Meat and Food Inspector, the Clerk of Markets or a sanitary inspector and destroyed.

(5) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law or obstructs the Medical Officer of Health, the Inspector the Clerk of Markets or a sanitary inspector from inspecting any machine under the provisions of this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

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Removal of  
fresh meat.  
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29. (1) No person shall remove or cause or suffer to be removed from any market any fresh meat for the purpose of sale except in a container provided by the owner of such fresh meat and approved by the Meat and Food Inspector or the Clerk of Markets.

(2) The Meat and Food Inspector or the Clerk of Markets may at any time inspect and examine any such container in order to ascertain whether it is kept in a clean condition and is provided with such appliances as he may deem requisite to protect the contents thereof from contamination.

(3) When any such container is at any time not approved of by the Meat and Food Inspector or the Clerk of the Markets he shall immediately notify the owner thereof and thereafter no person shall use or permit any other person to use such container until it has been approved by the Meat and Food Inspector or the Clerk of the Markets.

(4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Fresh meat in  
markets to be  
passed by the  
Meat and Food  
Inspector.

30. (1) No person shall bring into any market any fresh meat unless such fresh meat has been passed by the Meat and Food Inspector as fit for human consumption and marked by him in manner approved of by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Any meat brought into any market in contravention of this by-law may be seized by the Medical Officer of Health, the Meat and Food Inspector or the Clerk of Markets and destroyed.

Removal of  
fresh meat to

31. No person shall remove any fresh meat from any market to any cold stores and no person shall in any market

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cold stores prohibited.

sell or offer or expose for sale any fresh meat which has been exposed for sale on a previous day.

Articles to be sold from stalls. [By-laws 5/1957 17/1999]

32. No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale any article in any market except at some stall rented or occupied by him, nor shall any sale auction or public outcry in any market be allowed except a sale at auction for which the Mayor has given special permission or as otherwise provided in these by-laws. Every person committing a breach of this by-law may be summarily ejected by, or by the direction of the Clerk of Markets, and shall be liable in addition to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Conditions of sale prohibited. [By-laws 17/1999]

33. (1) No vendor shall refuse to sell any meat, poultry or any foodstuff whatsoever or any other commodity in such quantities as a purchaser may require (except where there is shortage of such foodstuff or commodity), or impose any condition on the sale of any meat, poultry, foodstuff or commodity as aforesaid.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars.

Unwholesome food may be destroyed. [By-laws 17/1999]

34. All meat or fish, fresh or salted, poultry, vegetables, fruit and other articles solid or liquid intended for the food of man offered or exposed for sale in the market or found in the market or in any stall therein which in the opinion of the Clerk of Markets, the Medical Officer of Health, the Meat and Food Inspector, or a sanitary inspector, are of a bad or unwholesome quality may be seized by any of them and destroyed and the person offering or exposing the same for sale or the tenant or person in charge of the stall in which the same is found shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Record of seizures.

35. The Clerk of Markets, the Meat and Food

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Inspector or a sanitary inspector, as the case may be, shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose particulars of any article so seized.

Mode of preserving fish.  
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**36.** (1) No person shall, within a market, preserve fresh fish by any other means than ice, but fresh meat may be corned with salt and sent out of the market within 24 hours thereafter.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars.

Penalty for erecting stalls etc., in contravention of these by-laws.  
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**37.** If any person erects or places any stall, or any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other matter or thing whatsoever contrary to these by-laws, or shall place the same or any part thereof at an earlier hour or time, or shall suffer or permit the same to stand or remain to a later hour or time, than the Council shall from time to time appoint or limit in that behalf, every such person so offending, or causing the same to be done or committed, or the owner or part owner or the person using or having the care of any such stall, goods, wares or merchandise, or other matter or thing, shall be liable to a fine of one thousand dollars, and it shall be lawful for the Council, or their officers or servants or any of them or any police or town constable or other person aiding and assisting therein, when such offence shall have been committed, done, or suffered, immediately to pull down displace, remove, and carry away such stall, goods, wares, and merchandise or other matter or thing whatsoever.

Miscellaneous offences.  
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**38.** Any person who, in any market—

- (a) expectorates; or
- (b) sits on any table, shambles or stall; or
- (c) sharpens any hatchet, knife or other implement whatsoever on the steps,

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stalls, walls of any brick or concrete structure or floor; or

- (d) rides any cycle or drives or leads any vehicle other than a hand-propelled vehicle; or
- (e) urinates or defecates or deposits any urine, filth or offensive matter; or
- (f) deposits any refuse on the floor; or
- (g) propels any hand-truck, wheel-barrow or other vehicle recklessly or negligently; or
- (h) breaks or damages any stall, structure or fence; or
- (i) plays any games,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Removal of  
obstructions.  
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**39.** It shall be lawful for the Clerk of Markets, or any one acting under his direction, to remove all obstructions to, and all persons obstructing any of the paths or passages of the markets and in the event of any obstruction being caused by any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any other article whatsoever, to seize and take possession of the same until the penalty hereby imposed, and the expenses of removal shall be paid. If not claimed within 24 hours, the goods so seized may be sold by the Clerk of the Markets, and the proceeds paid over to the Town Clerk in aid of the Town Funds. Every person who commits a breach of this by-law, and every person resisting the removal of any obstruction,

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shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Fines.  
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40. Any person using or kindling fire in any coalpot, or other receptacle, in any shop, stall or shed, in or in any other part of any market other than the public kitchen thereof, except with the special permission of the Clerk of Markets, shall be liable to a fine of five hundred dollars for the first offence, and a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars for each succeeding offence.

Stray dogs.  
[By-laws  
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41. Any dog found within any market, if not claimed and a penalty of five hundred dollars paid to the Clerk of the Markets within 48 hours, may be destroyed or sold.

Bottles to be  
labelled.

42. Bottles containing any article for sale in any market shall be labelled with the name of the contents, and in default may be seized and forfeited.

Power of  
search.

43. Any town constable or other person authorised by the Clerk of Markets may search any package brought into any market, for the purpose of seeing that the proper fee is paid on any goods therein.

Inspection of  
stalls and  
vessels.

44. The Clerk of Markets or any person authorised by him, the inspection of Meat and Food Inspector, a sanitary inspector or any town constable may at all times enter and inspect any stall, stand or space in any market or any vessel lying alongside the stelling or river frontage of any market for the purpose of seeing whether these by-laws are being observed and of enforcing the same.

Penalty for  
obstruction.  
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45. Every person who assaults or obstructs any person authorised to collect fees, or to inspect or seize any marketable commodity, or to remove any obstruction, or to extinguish any fire, or to inspect any part, portion, or tenancy, within the market, or to remove any disorderly person, or to perform any other duty under these by-laws, in



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the execution of such duty, shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Expulsion of offenders.

46. Every tenant or occupier of any stall persisting in acting in any way to the contrary to any of these by-laws may, over and above any penalty to which he may be liable for any particular offence, be expelled from the market by order of the Clerk of Markets and shall be liable to be treated as a trespasser if he enters therein again, without the permission of the Clerk of Markets, except for the purpose of purchasing.

By-laws to be exhibited.

47. (1) A printed copy of these by-laws shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place in every market.

(2) Copies of these by-laws may also be obtained on application to the Clerk of Markets at his office in the Stabroek Market or to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall upon payment of such sum for each copy as may from time to time be fixed by the Council.

Stellings, etc., to be deemed a part of the market.

48. All stellings and landing-places on the river frontage of any market having a frontage to the river, and the whole line of such river frontage shall be deemed to be part of such market.

Master vessel to comply with instructions. [By-laws 17/1999]

49. (1) The master of every vessel landing or embarking goods or any market having a frontage to the river shall obey the instructions of the Clerk of Markets as to placing his vessel or moving the same as circumstances may require.

(2) No vessel shall come alongside any part of the river frontage of any market or make fast to any part of such river frontage except for the purpose of landing or embarking goods or Passengers and then only for such time as in the opinion of the Clerk of Markets is necessary for that

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purpose.

(3) Every master of a vessel who commits a breach of this bylaw shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars.

General penalty.  
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50. Every person who in any manner contravenes or fails to comply with any of those by-laws for breach of which no other penalty has been provided shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars.

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Fruits:	
Pineapple ... ..	\$40 per doz.
Watermelons ... ..	\$8 each.
Other fruits ... ..	\$30 per basket (S) & \$50 " " (L)
Sugar Cane... ..	\$50 per hundred
Dry Coconuts ... ..	\$30 per basket (S) & \$50 " " (L)
Water Coconuts ... ..	\$50 per hundred
Cocoa Beans... ..	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Coffee Beans... ..	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Peanuts ... ..	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Sorrel ... ..	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Ochroes ... ..	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Vegetables/Ground Provisions ...	\$30 per bag (S) \$50 per bag (L)
Soap ... ..	\$30 per sack/cartoon

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Milk Powder ... ..	\$40 per sack/cartoon
Cooking oil ... ..	\$10 per gallon
Salt Fish ... ..	\$50 per sack
Fresh Fish ... ..	10% of W/S Price
Fresh Shrimp ... ..	10% of W/S Price
Crabs ... ..	60% per barrel/bag
Empty baskets ... ..	\$8 each
Coals ... ..	\$30 per sack
Copra ... ..	\$30 per bag (S)
	\$50 per bag (L)
Goblets ... ..	\$30 per crate
Casareep ... ..	\$8 per gallon
Honey ... ..	\$8 per gallon
Eggs ... ..	\$8 per tray
Cassava bread ... ..	\$30 per hamper (S)
	\$50 per hamper (L)
Live Bird ... ..	\$8 each
Nibbi furniture ... ..	\$150 per suits (S)
	\$250 per suits (L)
Empty drums (45 gal)	\$40 each

\* Articles contained in smaller or larger packages shall be charged at proportionate rates.

\* Articles not enumerated shall be charged at the rate to be determined by the Clerk of the Markets.

Landing fees will also be charged on vehicles bringing goods in bulk according to their capacities as listed below.

Trucks	7 tons	... ..	\$6,000
Trucks	5 tons	... ..	\$4,000
Trucks	3 tons	... ..	\$3,000
Trucks	2 tons	... ..	\$2,000
Mini bus/van	3,000 lbs.	... ..	\$1,000
Vehicles not exceeding	1800 lbs.	... ..	\$ 600