

## LEGAL NOTICE NO. 28 OF 1992

**Agricultural Marketing  
(Trading in Fruits and Vegetables) Regulations, 1992**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 4 A. 26 of 1967 of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1967, I

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Minister of Agriculture, Cooperatives and Marketing make the following regulations,

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing (Trading in Fruits and Vegetables) Regulations, 1991 and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the Gazette. Citation and commencement
2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used shall have the same respective meaning as in the Agricultural Marketing Act 1967. Interpretation
3. All persons wishing to import fruits and vegetables into Lesotho shall do so only when in possession of a permit issued by the Principal Secretary responsible for the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperatives and Marketing. Importation of fruits and vegetables
4. All persons wishing to obtain a permit referred to in regulation 3, for the importation of fruits and vegetables shall do so by application to the Principal Secretary responsible for the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperatives and Marketing. Application for permits
5. These regulations shall not apply to personal imports of fruits and vegetables not exceeding 2 kilograms. Exceptions
6. (1) any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable, Offences and penalties
  - (a) on first conviction to a fine not exceeding M200 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment;
  - (b) on second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding M2,000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- (2) Any fruits or vegetables illegally imported into Lesotho shall be liable to forfeiture and seizure in accordance with section 88 and 89 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1982. A. 10 of 1982
7. All fruits or vegetables imported into Lesotho contrary to regulation 3 shall be dealt with in accordance with section 91 of the Customs and Excise Act 1982: Disposal of seized fruits or vegetables

Provided that such fruits or vegetables shall not be disposed of until 48 hours have elapsed after seizure, during which time the seized fruits or vegetables may be released to the importer, if he satisfied the Director of Customs and

Excise that the fruits or vegetables were imported legally:

Provided further that such seized fruits or vegetables may be disposed of by giving them to any government institution.

Repeals:  
L.N. 23 of  
1975 and  
L.N. 49 of  
1981

8. The Agricultural Marketing (Trading in Vegetables) Regulations 1975 and Agricultural Marketing (Trading in Fruits and Vegetables) Regulations 1981 are repealed.

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Minister of Agriculture, Cooperatives and Marketing.