

Haulage - Agriculture Products

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Tel. 476703

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

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INTERNAL OFFICE MEMO

AG/22/12/En.3

20 July 1945

SUBJECT : Export of Fresh Fruit.

TO : Foreign Trade Division.

1. Reference your AG/2127/90/Commerce dated 16 July.
2. It is recommended that the Regions concerned place their bids for movement to their appropriate Regional Transportation Officers without delay.
3. It is assumed that there will be adequate warehousing accommodation in MILAN, and that there will be a definite understanding with the Swiss authorities to collect the fruit in their own transport from MILAN.

For the Director :

[Signature]
C. S. CORSTABLE
Major

Copy (with copy of preliminary export program) to :

Milan HQ Allied Commission
(for Transportation Officer)
AGC Venezia Region
(for Transportation Officer)
AGC Piemonte Region
(for Transportation Officer)
AGC Liguria Region
(for Transportation Officer)
AGC Emilia Region
(for Transportation Officer)

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COPY,INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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TEL: 478487

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REF: AO/5127/90/Commerce

16 July 1945

SUBJECT : Export of fresh fruit.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission - Movements Divis.

FROM : Foreign Trade Division.

1. We refer to your 464/4/Tn3 of 20 June 1945.

2. Your para 5. We enclose for your information copy of a preliminary program for export of fresh fruit during Summer season, prepared by I.C.E. on the basis of the elements at their disposal at present.

3. I.C.E. point out that they are not in a position so far to supply more detailed and exact data on what the actual fresh fruit export from Italy will be during Summer 1945, as export possibilities depend on a series of factors which cannot be estimated at the present stage. Therefore the attached program is subject to further variation.

4. Please let us have your views on the subject, particularly on para 5 of the attached, where I.C.E.'s proposals are summed up.

H .A. GENT
Major I.C.
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission.

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Cleared with and Copy to Food Sub-Commission.

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EXTRACT OF A PRELIMINARY EXPORT PROGRAM
OF FRESH FRUIT DURING SUMMER 1945

1. The program for export of fresh fruit during this summer is based on the following:-

(a) Owing to transport difficulties, the export traffic to be limited to the Northern Regions (Piemonte, Liguria, Veneto and Venezia Tridentina);

(b) Export to be limited to fruit of largest availability, it having been ascertained that their production will notably exceed the consuming capacity of the domestic market;

(c) Exportable quotas to be proportioned to the availability of means of transport, on the assumption that due to lack of rail linkages, the whole movement of goods is to be effected by trucks;

(d) Traffic of the productive areas to be concentrated in Milan when transport means (i.e. trucks and rail wagons) could be sent by the purchasing country (Switzerland) to collect the goods;

(e) The quantitative control on fruit to be effected in Milan by I.C.E.'s officials.

2. Taking into account such points, a total quota of 4,300 tons of fresh fruit for export could be fixed, distributed per Regions as follows:

	<u>Peaches</u>	<u>Plums</u>	<u>Apples</u>	<u>Grapes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Piemonte)	500	-	-	-	500
Liguria)					
Venezia	900	200	-	-	1,100
				300	2,300

traffic to be limited to the minimum (Vanete and Venezia Tridensis);

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Piemonte) Liguria)	500	-	-	-	500
Venezia	900	200	-	-	1,100
Emilia	1,100	800	200	300	2,300
Venezia Trid.	-	-	100	300	400
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>4,300</u>

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3. As to transport means, the number required depends on their tonnage which varies from the usual lorries of 2 1/2 tons to the giant trucks of 15/16 tons. An average of not more than 3 tons should be considered to be on the safe side. It may be considered that each lorry may travel twice a week from the production areas to Milan.

4. Therefore presuming that about 100 trucks will be made available as a maximum (partly supplied by the Allied Authorities and partly by means provided by the exporters) the distribution could be as follows:

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Total</u>
Peaches	200	1,400	300	-	2,400
Plums	300	700	-	-	1,000
Pears	100	200	-	-	300
Grapes	-	100	400	100	600
	600	2,400	1,200	100	4,300

By this way, during the last week of July about 100 trucks should be needed (100 x 2 x 2 = 600); during the four weeks of August about 100 trucks each week (100 x 3 x 2 x 4 = 2,400); during the four weeks of September 50 trucks each week (50 x 3 x 2 x 4 = 1,200). No difficulties in the transport of October quota are expected.

5. The export program in connection with the number of trucks necessary to each Region can be summed up as follows:

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Liguria & Piemonte</u>				
Peaches	50	450	-	-
Total weight-tons	50 tons	450	-	-
No. of trucks	10	19	-	-

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Grapes	-	100	400	100	600
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<u>Liguria & Piemonte</u>				
Peaches	50	450	-	-
Total weight				
weight-tons	50 tons	450	-	-
No. of trucks	10	19	-	-

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July August September October

Yamalo

Pecans
Plums

70
100

400
-

-
-

Total weight
tons
No. of truck

170
29

530
22

400
17

-
-

Malta

Pecans
Plums
Pears
Grapes

80
200
30
-

520
600
150
50

400
-
-
200

-
-
-
50

Total Wgt. tons
#95

1,320
55

600
35

50
3

Vanderbilt

Pecans
Grapes

50
-

50
50

-
200

-
50

Total Wgt. -
Tons.
No. of trucks

50
10

100
3

200
9

50
3

GRAND TOTAL

Tons
Trucks

3,400
101

1,200
54

100
6

No. of truck	29	22	17
<u>Bullia</u>			
Peaches	80	520	430
Plums	200	600	-
Pears	50	150	-
Grapes	-	50	200
Total Wgt. tons	0	1,320	600
	55	55	25
<u>Yonisia Tridantia</u>			
Pears	50	50	-
Grapes	-	50	200
Total wgt. -	50	100	200
Tons.			
No. of trucks	10	5	3
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>			
Tons	80	2,400	1,200
Trucks	124	101	51
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Agriculture Sub-Commission

AGR/772

14 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Export of Fruit and other Trees.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter AC/22/8/Tn.3 dated 7 May, 1945.
2. There is no record of bid for movement of fruit trees in question in our files. It is presumed that this was handled through the Agriculture Office of Lazio-Umbria Region. Therefore, it is impossible for this office to state whether this movement was actually completed or not.

J. A. Rudderham

J.A. RUDDERHAM
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub Commission

Our Ref: AG/22/3/Tn.3

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Export of fruit and other trees
from PISTOIA

TO: Agriculture Sub Commission

1. Attached is copy of letter from Provincial Commissioner, PISTOIA Province Ref. PP/179 dated 25 April 45 with copy of report by Ispettore dell'Agricoltura of PISTOIA of same date.
2. The only application for movement of trees which can be traced in this Division is an application you made in February 1945 for the movement of 100,000 trees from PISTOIA to LIGURIA and UMBRIA to be completed by 15 April 45. Delivery was actually completed by 12 April '45.
3. Please confirm.

For the Director:

M. J. Sierff

M. J. SIERFF
Colonel.

2 ENCL: Hq. AMG. Pistoia Prov. ltr.
PP/179 of 25 April 45.
Report by Ispettore dell'Agricoltura of
Pistoia of 25 April 45.

Copy to: Provincial Commissioner,
PISTOIA Province.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Movement of trees.*

FILE No. _____

TO :

*Chief, Movement Division.**30 April 1945.*

1. Ref. Army Eastern Province letter 18/179 dated 25 April 45 and letter referred to above.

2. The only request received by this Branch for the movement of trees was made by Agricultural Sub-Group in request of 100,000 trees (Feb. 45). The programme began at the end of Feb. By 31 March over 70,000 had been moved - 30,000 were moved by 12 April. The programme was completed 3 days before target date.

The above work was arranged with Lt Col Chesney and carried out by 1st Troop Bn.

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Chief (added)
1st Lt Col.

HEADQUARTERS
PISTOIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Ref : TP/179

Date: 25th April 1945.

SUBJECT: Export of fruit & other trees
from Pistoia.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission)

1. Attached is a copy of a report by the Ispettore dell'Agricoltura of Pistoia on the export of trees.

W. E. McBratney
WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY, Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner
Pistoia Province

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R. ISPETTORATO PROVINCIALE DELL'AGRICOLTURA
P I S T O I A

25 April 1945

To : Lt. Col. William E. McBratney
Provincial Commissioner

PISTOIA

With reference to your request I beg to inform you as follows :

- a) Young trees exporting is to be considered as closed for the current season, since we are already well advanced in the Spring.
- b) In the last fall, the following young trees were available at the different horticulturists:

fruit-trees	about 2.000.000
olive-trees	" 500.000
vines (savage i.e. not yet grafted).....	" 500.000
vines (grafted)	" 500.000
ornamental (various)	" 7.000.000

The following results by export have been obtained :

fruit-trees	about 200.000
olive-trees	" 130.000
vines (grafted)	" 300.000
vines (savage)	" 250.000
ornamental (various).....	" 30.000

After such a forecast it seems as necessary to point out that only a small part of the above appears to have been exported by military trucks or by firms under the control of the Provincial Section of the Horticulturists.

These firms have found themselves in the impossibility of complying with all commissions received for lack of transport, so that 60.000 fruit trees and 80.000 grafted vines remained unsold.

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Young trees campaign will be resumed in the next fall for the selling out of products left unsold during the one just closed and of the new production.

Sgd. Pacchierotti
Ispettore Agricoltura

Tel. 478209

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

22/6
FEB/AMC

24 April 1945

AGR/825

SUBJECT: Distribution of Seed Potatoes
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Attention: Lt. Col. Christensen)

1. Reference your AC/22/1/Tn3 dated 15 April 1945 regarding item in the Daily Digest of Rome Press issued by Public Relations Branch on 10 April 1945 (Ref. R8/FEB) quoted from LAVINO (CGIL) to the effect that tons of potatoes are rotting in the FUCINO (Avezzana area) for lack of transport.
2. We have no evidence that there are tons of potatoes rotting in FUCINO.
3. Original plans in a program developed November last called for the movement of 20,000 tons of seed potatoes and 25,000 tons of food or ware potatoes out of the a/m area. Of the 20,000 tons planned on for seed less than 5,000 tons were secured and moved out, but the failure of this plan was not due to lack of transport.
4. Failure of the seed potato program was due to the fact that the producers refused to consign the potatoes on hand in spite of decrees issued demanding that potatoes in this area be consigned at a fixed price. The arguments put forth for refusal to consign were largely that the fixed price was too low and hopes of getting a better price on the black market.
5. Lack of transport was not the reason why the seed potato program was only 20% completed.
6. Food Sub-Commission should be contacted for their experience in getting out ware potatoes.

Leland G. Albaugh
LELAND G. ALBAUGH
Director

Distribution:
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our Ref : AG/32/5/21.3.

21 April 1945

SUBJECT : Haulage of Agricultural Products.

TO : Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
(for attention of Sig. NINZI)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 9 Apr. 45, in paragraph 7 of which it is stated that trucks are sent from ROME to PERUGIA and back EMPTY, to move wheat from warehouses to the station.

The trucks were sent from ROME to do this work but they are stationed in the district and do not make the journey to ROME as suggested in above mentioned memorandum.

For the Director

St. Arduo
C. STAFF-1. J. J. J.
Major

Copy to :- Roads Division

24 April. Sig. Nizgi called. Reduced total monthly
tonnages to be handled by all consorzi in all liberated
Italy from Ravenna to Reggio and Sicily, Sardinia.
Admitted no difficulty in Sicily - Still pressing for 300
vehicles. Again told him he must apply to Ministry of
Communication. Said if he did he would be referred to ENAC.
Told him we expected him to join us particularly if difficulties
actually experienced in communication. Promised to see him 3
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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Agricultural Products.*

FILE No. *AC/22/4/Tn 3.*

TO : *Chief, Movement Division*

18 April 1945.

Ref para 7 of Courvoisier's letter attached - Lories are not sent to F.E.D.G.I.A and back empty (from Rome). They were originally sent to the areas requiring to be cleared and stationed there.

*Not ordered
for H.C.O.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Road Branch)

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Our ref.: AC/22/3/Tn 3

16 April 1943

SUBJECT : Haulage of Agricultural Products

TO : Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

1. During the recent meeting at this Office it was understood that Sig. Wizzi had stated that whilst he was quite satisfied with movement from Ports, he was not satisfied with the movement of goods to and from Railway Stations.

2. It was then agreed that Sig. Wizzi would supply to this branch programmes showing future Tonnages and Commodities to be moved to and from Railway Stations in the various Provinces in which unsatisfactory road transport had been experienced.

Upon receipt of the programmes this Division would investigate and endeavour to work out a solution.

3. The memo dated 9 April '43 which was handed to Lt.Col. Christensen by Sig. Wizzi 14 April '43 in which you suggest that 100 heavy lorries be assigned to your Federation is not what you undertook to supply.

Even if Allied Commission actually were in possession of 800 vehicles an assignment to your Federation would require to be negotiated through the Ministry of Communications, to whom you should submit your application.

4. Please will you forward immediately the promised programmes referred to in para 2 of this letter.

Chp
for M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

Copy to : Port & Whse Div.
Road Div.
Mov-Rail

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TRANSLATION

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
ROME

(ITALIAN UNION OF AGRICULTURAL "CONSORZI")
ROME

Rome, 9 April 1945

HAULAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS :

1. - Every Consorzio Agrario had in the past a certain number of road transport vehicles:
2. - This was according to an absolute necessity, for the Consorzi Agrari have in the provinces a depending system of branches, agencies, and warehouses with which they must exchange large stocks of products.
3. - The Consorzi Agrari are more capable than other organization to carry out these transport as they have all the essential products: wheat-olive oil- fertilisers- seeds- foodstuffs-flours- pasta etc.; they are able, therefore, to regulate traffics according to the requests.
4. - The Consorzi Agrari are also in condition to make a very good use of journeys as everything they usually do follow a closed circuit; for example:
 - they collect wheat from warehouses and bring it to the mill
 - they then load on flour from the mills and carry it to the railway station
 - from the railway station they collect fertilisers or foodstuffs and they transfer them to the outer agencies which are located near the wheat warehouses; and so they begin all over again.
5. - By running a certain number of vehicles the Consorzi Agrari will beat down prices of all other transports, as they assure the transport of essential goods.
6. - Without means of transport the Consorzi Agrari are in great difficulties and they cannot proceed with the necessary speed and regularity to the loading and unloading of wagons with they handle. It is therefore necessary to supply them with vehicles also to obtain speedier movement of rail traffic.
7. - The shipments of wheat to Rome show how any other solution is expensive and irrational; to collect the wheat, ^{as example} for instance, from Perugia, Rome must send lorries to Perugia for the haulage from the warehouses to the station (Perugia has got any lorry or will not supply them); inconvenients:

- a) Journey to Perugia and back empty
- b) lorries working away from their depots with no

workshop facilities, and feeding and lodging for the drivers

c) relaxation of controls, increase of illicit trades and transports etc.

- 8.- These inconvenients would be avoided by allotting, referring to the above mentioned example, to the Consorzio Agrario di Perugia a certain number of lorries to haul the wheat to the station; the work will be doubled and the expense will be less.
- 9.- Unfortunately in every place there is now a crisis in transport owing to the lack of lorries and tires; the greater difficulties are in the provinces which have a larger amount of stuffs to move (as Grosseto-Siena- Marche- Perugia- Foggia- Napoli- Bari- Matera- Campobasso etc.) but the situation is serious everywhere.
- 10.- We therefore suggest that at least 500 heavy weight lorries should be assigned to the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari; and these lorries would be subdivided between the Consorzi Agrari Provinciali according to their necessities; The Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari is ready to submit a program by which the lorries would be subdivided amongst the various consorzi which would buy and promptly pay the assigned lorries.
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Leonida Mizzi

Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

Via 24 Maggio n. 43

Telex: 481551

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Transportation Sub Commission.
(Movements Division - Road.)

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Our Ref :- AC/22/1/Tn3.

15 April 45

SUBJECT :- Food Distribution.

TO :- Agriculture Sub Commission.

1. Confirming conversation (Lt Col CHRISTENSEN - Mr BURCALOW) 14 April 1945 regarding the item in the Daily Digest of Rome Press issued by Public Relations Branch 13 April '45 (Ref R6/PRB) quoted from LAVORO (CGIL) to the effect that tons of potatoes are rotting in the FUCINO for lack of transport.

2. It is suggested that you submit to Public Relations Branch an explanation for the hold up of the potatoes showing that it is in no way due to lack of transport and request that they give publicity to the denial.

M.B. THOMAS. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

Copy to: Food Sub Commission.
Road Division.

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