

Movement of Goods for Export

for Export

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

CPC/lr

INTER OFFICE MEMO

AG/22/54/Tn.3

25 July 1945

SUBJECT : Export of Fresh Fruit.

TO : Foreign Trade Division.

File 7.

1. Reference your AG/5127/90/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 :


C.F. CONSTABLE
Major

Copy (with copy of preliminary export program) to :

Milan HQ Allied Commission
(for Transportation Officer)
 AMG Venezia Region
(for Transportation Officer)
 AMG Piemonte Region
(for Transportation Officer)
 AMG Liguria Region
(for Transportation Officer)
 AMG Emilia Region
(for Transportation Officer)
 File 464/Tn.3 ✓

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*Mr. Turritt has in hand
and has instructed his people
in the work to contact the
advisory body
nuclear*

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TRANSLATION

Rome July 2 45

ITALIAN FEDERATION OF FARMING

ROME

TO : Sub-Commission Agriculture - Rome

PRODUCTION OF APPLES AND PEARS IN THE VENEZIA TRIDENTINA

In relation to your request and from information

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- Moscatele pears
- William
- Kaiser
- Granevstein apples

and must have our particular attention in as much as it must be conveyed in the period running from the beginning of the gathering of the crop, about the 10/7, to the 30/9 period, when last the summer crop can be sent according to the following daily assignment of railroad wagons:

from 10/7 to 20/7	28 wagons per day	total	338
" 21/7 " 31/7	40	"	440
" 1/8 " 10/8	65	"	650
" 11/8 " 20/8	65	"	650
" 21/8 " 31/8	45	"	495
" 1/9 " 10/9	45	"	450
" 11/9 " 20/9	30	"	300
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on the other hand, for the destination of the crops it must be explained that:

a) since the national market has in the past absorbed very modest quantity of the Moscатель pears and of the Granevstein apples 95% of these varieties have been sent to Germany and Austria and 5% to Rome, Milan, Turin and other cities in North Italy.

b) For the William pear and the Kaiser pears one can calculate that:

50% of the production was in the past sent to Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Sweden, England

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Egypt, Switzerland and the remaining 50% to Milan, Turin, Genoa Trieste, Alexandria, Novara and other market places of North Italy.

We recall the attention of the reader to the above mentioned percentages, and to the fact that, although for the William pears and the Kaiser pears it seems possible to find an outlet in Italy of the entire production if the exportation is forbidden, for the Moscatella pears and the Grevenstein apples to whole production would be almost lost, with great damage to the producers and with such consequences even on the political side which can not be foretold.

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The Fedesport is therefore at the disposal of the Competent Superior Organisations for whatsoever work of whatever amount which will be assigned to her for the solution of the above mentioned problems.

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There are therefore 150 days among which should be divided the 7.500 wagons of product which we think will be at our disposal with an average of 50 wagons per day to be divided among the following railroad stations :

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This product in the past was sold, (30-40)% to foreign countries, but if in the coming season the exportation is forbidden, we think there are to be no worries for its assignment on the national market, assignment which is always in subordination to the Transport means.

For the winter work too our organisation is perfectly rigged in the production area and in the selling of the product. And for this too we are at complete disposal for any engagement that will be given to us.

THE GENERAL MANAGER
Dr. Stefano Tonazzi

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TEL: 478487

BC/lc

REF: AC/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/Tn.3 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.

Answered by
Roads Branch
25/7 BIC

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 waggons) could be sent by the purchasing country (Switzerland) to collect the goods;

(e) The qualitative 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 :

	<i>Sarva</i> <u>Peaches</u>	<u>Plums</u>	<u>Pears</u>	<u>Grapes</u>	<u>Total</u> 1257
Piemonte)	500	-	-	-	500
Liguria)					
Venezia	900	200	-	-	1,100
Emilia	1,100	800	200	300	2,300
Venezia Trid.	-	-	100	300	400
	2,400	1,100	300	600	4,300

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3. As to transport means, the number required depends on their tonnage which varies from the usual lorries of $2\frac{1}{3}$ 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	800	-	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 ($100 \times 3 \times 2 = 600$); during the four weeks of August about 100 trucks each week ($100 \times 3 \times 2 \times 4 = 2,400$); during the four weeks of September 50 trucks each week ($50 \times 3 \times 2 \times 4 = 1,200$). No difficulties in the transport of October quota are expected.

5. The export program in connection with the number ¹²⁵⁶ 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 ^{lbs.}	50	450	-	-
No. of trucks	10	19	-	-

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	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Veneto</u>				
Peaches	70	430	400	-
Plums	100	100	-	-
Total weight - 400 170		530	400	-
No. of trucks	29	22	17	-
 <u>Emilia</u>				
Peaches	80	520	400	-
Plums	200	600	-	-
Pears	50	150	-	-
Grapes	-	50	200	50
Total Wgt. - tons	330	1,320	600	50
No. of trucks	55	55	25	3
 <u>Venezia Tridentina</u>				
Pears	50	50	-	-
Grapes	-	50	200	50
Total wgt. - tons	50	100	200	50
No. of trucks	10	5	9	3
GRAND TOTAL *				
Tons	600	2,400	1,200	100
" " Trucks	104	101	51	6

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

-INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM-

Tel : 478704

27 June 1945

464/6/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Fruit Shipments - North Italy

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AGR/833 dated 24 June and conversation Merritt - Baker) 27 June '45.

2. The areas quoted in the report by Agriculture Officer, AMG 5 Army, are served only by lines which are being developed as main L. of C. for the Armies. Bolzano and Trento are on the Brenner Line, which will be heavily used for

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3. Exports by rail from Italy cannot be considered until system of guaranteed balanced working of rolling stock is worked out.

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For the Director



J.W. BAKER, Lt.Col.

Copy to : Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

Tel. 463

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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AGR/233

24 June 1945

SUBJECT: Fruit Shipments North Italy
TO : Food Sub-Commission

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Attached is a copy of a letter on the above mentioned subject from Stanley Andrews, Lt. Colonel, Agricultural Officer, AMG Fifth Army, for your information.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

27/6

Enclosure
As above

Copies to:
Economic Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

What degree of
"program" is needed,
and I will try
to get the agencies
there to develop it
in necessary detail
on 2-3 July. Merritt

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APO 464 US ARMY

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16 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Fruit Shipments North Italy

TO : S.C.A.G., AMG 5th Army,
(for Economics & Supply Division).

1. The Bolzano, Trento, Belluno area is reputed to be one of the largest single fruit production and exporting centers in Europe. Normally one million quintals of fruits, chiefly peaches, pears, plums and apples are exported from the general Bolzano area between July and September with the peak movement reaching 200 railroad wagons per day.

2. Surveys recently conducted by Italian agricultural agencies in connection with the Bolzano Supply office indicate that due to difficulties of local transport, lack of proper insecticides and care, the crop in the general area this year will be cut by from 30 to 50 percent, but even with a reduced production harvesting and distribution of this crop will involve the movement of from 50,000 to 75,000 tons out of that area in a 60 day period.

3. The normal movement is about two thirds to the South and one third North to Austrian cities.

4. While the fruit shipping and storage sheds have been pretty badly damaged by war they are in the process of being repaired. Lumber for fruit crates is short due to the Army's freezing of lumber stocks but it appears that crates will be made available in due course.

5. Since this will involve a very large movement over very limited rail facilities and in a short period, it is suggested that MRE be contacted NOW and full preparation made to provide transport in order that this fruit may not be wasted as it surely will unless real organization and transport facilities are planned ahead in view of the heavy traffic now on the limited road and rail transport at hand.

/ s/ Stanley Andrews
STANLEY ANDREWS,
Lt. Colonel, Spco. Res.,
Agricultural Officer,
A.M.G. Fifth Army

copy to: Hq A.G., Agricultural S/C
Provincial Supply Officer, Bolzano Prov.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

MJS/bjs



20th June 1945

Ext. 318

464/4/Tn.3

SUBJECT. Export of fresh fruits
TO. Commerce Sub-Commission,
Foreign Trade Division

1. Reference the attached correspondence.
2. Before we can consider the problem of these exports further from a headquarters angle, can you please supply us with some figures of the daily tonnages involved, and the period during which each movement is required.
3. Once these figures are available it will be possible to examine this movement in conjunction with
 - (a) Swiss imports through Italian ports
 - (b) the proposed Allied L of C through Switzerland
 - (c) the movement of refugees.
4. All the three latter points are under consideration on a high level at A.F.H.Q.
5. Will you therefore please take the necessary action and find out the tonnages involved, and inform this sub-commission as soon as the information is to hand.

For the Director

M.J. SIEFF Colonel
Chief, Movements Division

TRANSLATION

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE
PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO

Ref : 12108 Uff P.D.

Rome 11 June 1945
Via Torino 107

SUBJECT :- Export of fresh fruits.

1) We have received the letter of the Allied Commission dated June the 7th and we thank you for having forwarded the memorandum of the Nicolo Zerbone Company of Genoa in regard to the commercial situation of fruits and vegetables in Northern Italy.

2) This Institute has already considered since some time ago all the problems concerning the utilization of the fruit and vegetable production of the northern areas and has already pointed out the matter to the Allied Commission with the letter No 6823 of April the 9th and No 11719 of 5th June.

We think that the most important problem which must be solved with a certain urgency is that concerning the availability of transportation means necessary to distribute on the internal markets all the quantities of the products exceeding the requirements of the producing zones. As it is still difficult to say when railway communications will be reoperate and when quick rail services (goods trains) indispensable to despatch high perishable stuffs, will operate, we deem that at present the problem can be solved in using fast truck of which there is a certain shortage in Northern Italy.

However on this matter, the ICE has expressed its opinion to the office of the High Commissioner of Food and to the other Competent State Authorities in order to study the matter in co-operation with the Allied Commission.

3) The problem affects the Institute even for eventual exports, because without the availability of transportation means it is really difficult to export abroad amounts of products which need special attention in order to arrive in good conditions.

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4) Another problem concerns the industrial utilization of the surplus especially with the production of fruit pulps and and for which it would be advisable to allocate before the production of pulps of last year, still existing by the producers. We have pointed out the matter to the Allied Commission to ascertain if there is the possibility to export abroad those products.

5. As soon as we will have further informations we will examine more carefully the actual problem of fruit and vegetables products and we will inform the Allied Commission of all the conclusions and proposals observed on the matter.

Best regards
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
(sgd illegible)

TO : Colonel W.P. EVANS
Director Commerce Sub-Commission of A.C.
Foreign Trade Division
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Foreign Trade Division

STATEMENT OF GOODS REQUIRING MOVEMENT FOR EXPORTAT 9 JUNE 1942

Port of Shipment	Commodity	Quantity in Tons	
		Warehoused at Port of Shipment (metric tons)	Ordered forward to Port of Shipment (metric tons)

A) Destination : United Kingdom

Naples	Argols	60 in bags
"	Wine Lees	200 " "
"	Vegetable seeds	1 1/2 " "
"	Silk & Strusa	2 1/2 in bags & boxes
Bari or Barletta	Wine Lees	377
Messina	Wine	190 in barrels
"	Citric Acid	60 in bags
"	Mustard Seed	100 in bags
"	Bargamot Oil	65 in cases
Catania	Mustard Seed	10 in bags
Palermo	Lemon Juice	80

B) Destination : Balkans

Bari	Vegetable seeds	1 3/4 Dodecanese
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(Bids period
26/5 - 4/6)

Raid Branch (Mr. Duthie)

c) Destination : U.S.A.

	313 in barrels	68½ in boxes
Citrus peel in brine	-	150
Briarwood	-	-
Jasmine concrete	106 in cases	150 in bags
Lemon Oil	-	-
Human Hair	62 in bales	-
Briarwood	6 in cases	-
Snuff Tobacco	400 in bags	400 in bags
Juniper Berries		

n) Destination : France

15 in cases

E) Destination : French North Africa

(20% 120 cases)
mts)

300

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