

At a Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 23rd January 1941
Present: Mr. A. S. Trimble, in the chair; Messrs. Apps, Barry, Best, Luthidge, Millar, Phelps & Sellah.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed & the Circular was revised & passed.

A letter was read from the Rice Division of the Ministry of Food requesting that the following notice be brought to the attention of our members & subscribers:-

The following communication dated 18th January, 1941, has been received from the **Ministry of Food** with the request that it be brought to the notice of our members and subscribers:-

"It has been decided that as from February 1st the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of Rice for importation into the United Kingdom. No allocations of freight for shipment on private account which actually load in February may be completed. Contracts for shipments on vessels allocated for January but

All import licenses will be withdrawn as from April 1st next. Any consignments on private account which are still afloat at that date will be the subject of special consideration. Owners of such consignments should inform the Ministry of Food, Rice Branch, Meadowcroft, Colwyn Bay, not later than March 24th, that they expect them to arrive after April 1st giving full particulars, which should include the date on which such consignments were loaded.

Rice will be bought by the Ministry from established shippers through the Rice Purchasing Section of the London Rice Brokers' Association which has been set up at 16, Mark Lane, E.C.3. for this purpose; such rice will be allocated to the trade by the Ministry of Food through the same organisation."

(Signed) C. T. HOUGHTON.

On the motion of Mr. Apps, seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Millar & Mr. Luthidge be & they are hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the London Rice Brokers' Association all documents & papers in connection with the Rice Purchasing Department of the said Association.

Commission by way of brokerage payable to Provincial Agents from the Rice Pool was discussed & it was decided that where ordinarily under normal conditions such commission was paid by members to such Agents, this principle will be maintained, but that in order to preserve the business hitherto done by members of the Association direct with Provincial Buyers & where no commission was paid to Agents, it was considered to be undesirable at present to advise the Provincial Agents of the steps to be taken to preserve the status quo.

Mr. Phelps, on behalf of Messrs. Milne & Co requested that the Burma Sugar Co's name be added in the official forms of contracts to those authorised to issue Certificates of Quality. In view of the fact that these contracts had been approved by the Ministry of Food, it was not considered a propitious moment to re-open the matter.

Mr. Luthidge reported that four new Selling Standards had been made up & approved by the Shippers for Mr. O. P. purchases for the following grades:- BURMA No 2 1941, BURMA (NGATSAIN) SUPER 1941, SUGHUNDI 2 (NATURAL) 1941 & SUGHUNDI 2 (OIL DRESSED) 1941. It was decided that requests for portions of these Standards must come before the Rice Purchasing Department.

Amended.