

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ten new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 97 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Weights and Measures," to be under sub-title "Cantaloupes," said new sections to be known as Sections 46A to 46J, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 46 of said Article and to read as follows:

46A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership or other association to buy, sell, ship, offer or expose for sale or shipment, or place upon the market, for human consumption, any cantaloupes in closed containers, unless said cantaloupes are mature; and that mature in the case of cantaloupes shall mean that the appearance of the outside indicates maturity, and the arils which surround the seed during the development of maturity have been absorbed and, in addition, that the juice of the edible portion shall contain not less than eight per cent soluble solids as determined by the Balling or Brix scale hydrometer.

46B. The standard grades for cantaloupes as or when promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture as United States Government grades, are hereby made the official State grades for all cantaloupes in the State of Maryland, when packed in closed containers, whether offered or exposed for sale or presented for intrastate or interstate shipment, and that all closed containers, the cantaloupes in which are offered or exposed for sale, or presented for shipment, shall have plainly and conspicuously marked thereon the name and address of the person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other association producing or marketing the cantaloupes as well as the true name of the variety. If the true name of the variety is not known to the packer or the person by whom the package is packed then such package shall be marked "variety unknown."

46C. The State Board of Agriculture, through its Department of Markets of the Extension Service and the duly authorized agents of said Department of Markets, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enforce the provisions of this sub-title, and to define, promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to secure uniformity in the enforcement of this sub-title and the proper marking of closed containers for cantaloupes.