

## **GROUNDNUT (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1965**

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## **GROUNDNUT (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1965**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sec. 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937(1 of 1937), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by the said section, namely:

### **1. Short title and application :-**

(1) These rules may be called the Groundnut (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1965.

(2) They shall apply to groundnut pods and groundnut kernels (*Arachis hypogaea*) produced in India.

### **2. Definitions :-**

In these rules,

(1) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural

Marketing Adviser to the Government of India;

(2) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules.

**3. Grade designation :-**

The grade designation to indicate the quality of groundnuts (pods and kernels) shall be as set out in Schedules II to VII.

**4. Definition of quality :-**

The quality indicated by the respective grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 7 of Schedules II to V and columns 2 to 9 of Schedules VI and VII.

**5. Grade designation mark :-**

The grade designation mark shall consist of a label specifying the grade designation and bearing a design (consisting of an outline map of India with the word "AGMARK" and the figure of the rising sun, with the words "Produce of India" and "BHARATIYA UTPAD" resembling the one as set out in Schedule 1.

**6. Methods of marking :-**

(1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser and shall clearly show the following particulars, namely :

- (a) Grade designation.
- (b) Variety or trade name.
- (c) Net weight.
- (d) Date of packing.

(2) An authorised packer may, after obtaining the prior approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, mark his private trade mark on a container in a manner approved by the said Officer, provided that the private trade mark does not represent quality or grade of groundnut (pods and kernels) different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

**7. Method of packing :-**

(1) Only sound, clean and dry containers made of jute, cloth, paper, polythene or tin shall be used for packing. They shall be free from any insect infestation or fungus contamination and also free from any undesirable smell.

(2) The containers shall be securely closed and sealed in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(3) Each package shall contain groundnut (pods or kernels) of one grade designation only.

### **8. Special conditions of certificate of authorisation :-**

In addition to the conditions specified in rule 4 of the General (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1937, the following special conditions shall be observed by packers to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, namely :

(1) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing Groundnut (pods and kernels), as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(2) An authorised packer shall provide all such facilities as may be necessary to the Inspecting Officers duly authorised by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser in this behalf.

### SCHEDULE 1

#### SCHEDULE I

(See rule 5) Design for the grade designation mark ◻
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### SCHEDULE 2

#### SCHEDULE II

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designations and definition of quality of groundnut pods (unshelled) known commercially as "Red Natal" (Arachis hypogaea) Grade \ \Special \Characteristics \ \ \ designation \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \Maximum \limit of tolerance \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \General characteristics \Foreign \Damaged \Shrivelled \Pods of \Shelling \ \matter \pods \and imma- \other \% (kernels \ \ \ \ture pods \varieties \pods) mini- \ \% \% \% \% \mum \ 1 \2 \3 \4 \5 \6 \7 Special \1.0 \0.50 \2.0 \1.0 \74 \The groundnut pods shall have the charact- Standard \2.0 \1.00 \3.5 \2.0 \70 \teristic shape, configu- \ \ \ \ \ration and appearance General \3.0 \2.00 \5.0 \5.0 \68 \of the variety \ \ \ \ \commercially known as \ \ \ \ \ "Red Natal", shall be \ \ \ \ \of the seasons crop, \ \ \ \ \not moist to touch, \ \ \ \ \shall not show visible \ \ \ \ \signs of insects and \ \ \ \ \moulds and shall not \ \ \ \ \have excessive dirt. EXPLANATION.- 1. 'Foreign matter" means dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, chaff, stem, straw or any other impurity. 2. 'Damaged pods" are those pods that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discolouration of, kernels materially affecting the quality of the pods. 3. "Shrivelled and immature pods" are those pods which are imperfectly developed. NOTE.- For accidental errors a tolerance is permissible upto 0.25, 0.50 and 1.00 per cent. in excess of the tolerance specified in each of the columns 2, 3 and 4 for Special Standard and General grades respectively and a tolerance of 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 per cent in excess of the specified tolerance in column 5 for Special, Standard and General grades respectively.
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## SCHEDULE V

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designations and definition of quality of groundnut pods (unshelled) known commercially as "Peanuts" (*Arachis hypogaea*)

Grade	Special	Characteristics	Designation	Maximum limit of tolerance	General characteristics	Foreign matter	Damaged	Shrivelled	Pods of	Shelling	Immature pods and other (kernels pods)	Minimum	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1.0	0.5	2.0	1.0	72	The groundnut pods shall have the characteristics shape, configuration and appearance of the variety commercially known as "Ped Nuts", shall be of the seasons crop, not moist to touch, shall not show visible signs of insects and moulds and shall not have excessive dirt.													

EXPLANATION.- 1. "Foreign matter" means dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, chaff, stem, straw or any other impurity. 2. "Damaged pods" are those pods that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discolouration of kernels materially affecting the quality of the pods. 3. "Shrivelled and immature pods" are those pods which are imperfectly developed. NOTE.-For accidental errors a tolerance is permissible upto 0.25, 0.50 and 1.00 per cent in excess of the tolerance specified in each of the columns 2, 3 and 4 for Special Standard and General grades respectively and a tolerance of 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 per cent in excess of the specified tolerance in column 5 for Special, Standard and General grades respectively.

## SCHEDULE 6

## SCHEDULE VI

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designations and definition of quality of kernels of groundnut commercially known as 'Red Natal' "Peanuts" (*Arachis hypogaea*)

Grade	Special	Characteristics	Designation	Maximum limit of tolerance	Characteristics	Foreign matter	Damaged	Slightly	Shrivelled	Splits	Nooks	General	Admix-	Immature	Broken	Other	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	10.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	15.0	3.0	5.0							

EXPLANATION.- 1. "Foreign matter" Means pieces of particular or any extraneous substance other than groundnut kernels and includes unshelled nuts, if any, which have to be shelled. 2. "Damaged kernels" are those kernels which are internally discoloured, discolouration materially affecting the quality. 3. "Slightly damaged kernels" are those kernels, which are discoloured only externally or partly without affecting the quality. 4. "Shrivelled and immature kernels" are those kernels which are imperfectly developed. 5. "Splits kemels" are those kernels broken into two halves lengthwise and "broken kernels" are those kemels which are smaller than splits but bigger than Nooks. 6. "Nooks" means small parts of kernels, measuring 1/16th or less of a whole kernel. Note-- For accidental errors a tolerance is permissible upto 0.25, 0.50 and 1.00 per

cent in excess of the tolerance specified in each of the columns 2,3,4,5,7 and 8 for Special, Standard and General grades respectively and a tolerance of 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 per cent in excess of the specified tolerance in column 6 for Special, Standard and General grades respectively.

SCHEDULE 7

SCHEDULE VII

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designations and definition of quality of kernels of groundnut commercially known as "Bold" "Coromandal" (Arachis hypogaea) Grade \ \Special characteristics \ \ \ \ designation \ \Maximum limit of tolerance \ \ \General \Characteristics. \Foreign matter \Damaged Slightly Shrivelled-kernels damaged and \Splits and \Nooks nature of \Ad mixed \ \ged kernels - immature - kernels - broken kernels \ \other \varieties \ \nests \ \ \ \% \% \% \% \% \% \% \ 1 \2 \3 4 5 \6 \7 \8 \9 Special Standard \- 0.5 . 1.0 \1.0 0.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 4.0 \5.0 10.0 \1.0 2.0 \1.0 2.0 \The kernels shall be obtained General \ 2.0 \2.0 2.0 6.0 \15.0 \3.0 \5.0 \from pods of the variety "Bold" "Coromandal" \ \ \ \ \ shall have cha- \ \ \ \ \ \racteristics \ \ \ \ \ shape, configuration and appearance of the \ \ \ \ \ \variety, shall be of the season's \ \ \ \ \ crop, not moist to touch shall \ \ \ \ not show visible \ \ \ \ \ signs of insects and moulds and \ \ \ \ \ shall be free \ \ \ \ \ from dirt and \ \ \ \ \ obnoxious smell.

EXPLANATION.- 1. 'Foreign matter' means pieces or particles of any extraneous substance other than groundnut kernels and includes unshelled nuts, if any, which have to be shelled. 2. "Damaged kernels" are those kernels which are internally discoloured, discolouration materially affecting the quality. 3. "Slightly damaged kernels" are those kernels which are discoloured only externally or partly, without affecting the quality. 4. 'Shrivelled and immature kernels,' are those kernels which are imperfectly developed "Splits kernels" are those kernels which are broken into two halves lengthwise and "Broken kernels" are those which are smaller than splits but bigger than Nooks. 5. 'Nooks' means small parts of kernels measuring 1/16th or less of a whole kernel.