

PLUMS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1938

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PLUMS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1938

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

1. Short title and application :-

(1) These Rules may be called the Plums (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1938.

(2) They shall apply to plums produced in India.

2. Grade designations :-

Grade designations to indicate the quality of plums of the variety known as Tarnab No. 3, are set out in column I of Schedule 1.

3. Definitions of quality :-

The quality indicated by such grade designations is set out, against such designations, in columns 2 and 3 of Schedule 1. Comment This rule defines the quality of each grade designation to conform to what is laid down in columns 2 and 3 of Schedule 1.

4. Grade designation marks :-

The grade designation mark shall consist of a label bearing the design set out in Schedule II, specifying the grade designation and of the following colour :-

5. Method of marking :-

The grade designation mark label shall be securely affixed to each package of plums and shall clearly show the following particulars, namely:-

(a) Variety.

(b) Net weight.

(c) Name of packing station.

(d) Date of packing. Comment This rule prescribed that the grade designation mark label shall be securely affixed to each package and shall give details regarding variety, net weight, name of packing station and date of packing.

6. Method of packing :-

(1) Containers may be either returnable or non- returnable. They shall be clean and suitable for the purpose. All packages shall be securely closed.

(2) Packing material shall be clean and dry.

(3) The plums in any container shall be of one variety, of one grade, of closely uniform maturity and the top layer shall be representative of the entire contents of the package in respect of size, colour and freedom from defects.

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(See rule 2 and rule 3) Grade designations and definition of quality of Plums, Tarnab No 3, produced in India Grade Definition of quality Condition designation - Minimum 'diameter in Millimetres 1 2 3 Special 41 1. The plums shall be of reasonably uniform colour (greenish yellow to yellow) and shall have reached a stage of maturity which ensures ripening during the period which normally elapses between the time of packing and retail sale. I 35 2. No plum shall be entirely green and raw, or full-ripe or over-ripe and soft. II 29 3. Each plum shall have the shape normal to the variety and be free from malformation. 4. Each plum shall be free from such blemish as affect the beeping quality including damage due to diseases or insects or mechanical injury. To allow for accidental errors in grading a tolerance of 10 per cent. shall be allowed in respect of plums corresponding with the size specification in the next lower grade.

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(See rule 4) Grade designation mark for packages of plums □

