

POPPY SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1964

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POPPY SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1964

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 Poppy Seeds (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1964.

(2) They shall apply to poppy seeds (*Papaver Somniferum*) 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 designations :-

The grade designations to indicate the quality of poppy seeds shall be as set out in column I of Schedule II.

4. Definition of quality :-

The quality indicated by the respective grade designations shall be set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 4 of Schedule II. Comment The rule defines that the quality of poppy seeds shall conform to columns 2 to 4 Schedule II

5. Grade designation mark :-

The grade designation mark shall consist of a label speaking 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 resembling the one as set out in Schedule 1.

6. Method 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-

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

(2) AD 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 the quality or grade of poppy seeds different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules. Comment The rule lays down that the grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to the container and shall show the grade designation, variety of trade name, net weight and date of packing. It further lays down that the authorised packer may mark his private trade mark with the approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

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 such a

manner as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(3) Each package shall contain poppy seeds 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 the packers to the satisfaction of Agricultural Marketing Adviser:

(1) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing poppy seeds as may be prescribed from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

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

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(See rule 5) Design for the Grade designation mark □
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(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designations and definition of that quality of Poppy-seeds produced in India Grade Special Characteristics Maximum limits of tolerance - General Characteristics Foreign matter Admixture of other percentage seeds percentage (by weight) (by weight) 1 2 3 4 Gadcl 1.5 0.5 Poppy-seeds shall- GndcD 3.0 1.0 (a) be the dried mature seeds of Papaver Somniferuin, (b) have uniform size, shape, and colour, (c) be hard, clean, whole-some and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, discolouration, admixture of deleterious substances and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the Schedule. (d) be in sound merchantable condition, (c) not have moisture exceeding 11.0 per cent. More.- (1) Foreign matter includes dust, dirt, stone, lumps of earth, chaff, stem or straw and any other vegetable matter or impurity. (2) Admixture of other seeds : includes admixture of harmless foreign seeds.
