

SUNFLOWER SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

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SUNFLOWER SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sec. 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :

1. Short title, application and commencement :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Sunflower Seeds (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1982.
- (2) They shall apply to sunflower seeds produced in India.
- (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions :-

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :-

- (1) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India;
- (2) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules;
- (3) "Authorised packer" means a person or a body of persons who has been granted a Certificate of Authorisation by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, for getting the commodity graded and agmarked in accordance with the grade standards and procedure prescribed under the Rules;

(4) "Certificate" means Certificate of Authorisation.

3. Grade designations :-

The grade designation to indicate the quality of the Sunflower seeds shall be as set out in columns I of Schedule 1.

4. Definition of quality :-

The quality indicated by the grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 7 of Schedule 1.

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 Figure of the rising sun with the words "Produce of India" and "BHARTIYAPRODUCT" resembling the mark as set out in Schedule II.

6. Method of marking :-

(1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(2) In addition to the grade designation, the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label:-

(a) date of packing;

(b) lot number;

(c) net weight; and

(d) any other particulars as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser from time to time.

(3) The 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 a quality or grade of Sunflower Seeds different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

7. Method of packing :-

(1) Sunflower seeds shall be packed in new B-twill jute bags or, any other type of container and in such capacity and in such manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural

Marketing Adviser.

(2) Packing material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus contamination insect infestation and obnoxious smell.

(3) Each package shall contain Sunflower seeds of the same variety and of the same grade designation.

(4) Each package shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

SCHEDULE 1

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(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designation and definition of quality of sunflower Seeds						
Grade			Definition of quality			General characteristics
design						
nation						
		Special Characteristics				
		Per cent by weight (Maximum)				
	Foreign matter	Damaged seeds	Immature, shrivelled and dead seeds	Weevilled seeds	Moisture content	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2.0	2.0	10.0	0.5	5.0	The Sunflower seeds shall :
						(a) be obtained from the
						plant botanically known as
						Helianthus annus Linn;
11	4.0	2.0	15.0	1.0	5.0	(6) be well developed
						mature, clean, dry, free from
						dirt, obnoxious smell, dele-
						terious substances, insect
						infestation and rodent conta

						mination except to the extent
						provided under special
						characteristics;
III	6.0	6.0	25.0	1.0	5.0	(c) be reasonably uniform in
						shape, size and colour;
						(d) not show any visible sign
						of mould attack.

SCHEDULE 2

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(See rule 5) Grade Designation Mark □