
TOBACCO (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1937

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1. Short title and application :-

(1) These rules may be called the Tobacco (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1937.

(2) They shall apply to tobacco grown in India.

2. Grade designations :-

Grade designations to indicate the quality of unmanufactured tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* and *Nicotiana glauca*) grown in India are set out in column I of the relevant Schedules attached to these rules.

3. Definition of quality :-

(1) The general characteristics of quality indicated by such grade designations shall be as follows : All the tobacco shall be sound, clean and free from excess moisture and other extraneous matter. Any tobacco redried and packed for export to the United Kingdom shall ordinarily contain moisture between 10.5 per cent. and 12 per cent. at the time of sampling of such tobacco by the redrying factory except in such cases where an export order specifically requires moisture content to be below 10.5 per cent. or above 12 per cent. The leaf shall be properly cured. The Tobacco may consist of leaf strips or stems but not mixtures thereof and may be reconditioned (mechanically redried) or not. ¹ [The Tobacco may also consist of threshed lamina (Redried) as defined in Schedule XXXVI.]

(2) The special quality indicated by such grade designations is set out against such designations in columns 2 to 4 of the relevant Schedules attached to these rules,

1. Ins. by S.O. 2511. dated 7th July. 1982.

4. Grade designation marks :-

The grade designation mark shall consist of the word "AGMARK" affixed to the wax or lead seal and a label bearing a design (consisting of an outline map of India in conjunction with the word AGMARK) resembling that set out in Schedule I and clearly showing the following particulars :-

(1) Trade description of tobacco

(2) Grade designation

(3) Year of harvest.

5. Method of marking :-

The grade designation mark seal and label shall be securely attached to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. The word AGMARK shall be affixed to tobacco in each package in the manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

6. Method of packing :-

(1) Graded tobacco shall be packed in wooden hogs heads or wooden cases or in bales or in such other kind of packages and of capacities and in such manner as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India.

(2) Except in the case of parcels of samples sent by post, each covering shall contain only tobacco of one grade designation, all of which shall have been harvested in the year specified in the grade designation mark label.

7. Special conditions of a certificate of authorisation :-

In addition to the conditions specified in rule 4 of the General (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1937, the conditions set out in Schedule XXXVI shall be conditions subject to which a certificate of authorisation is issued to an owner of a tobacco redrying factory for purposes of these rules.

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE I

(See rule 4) Grade designation mark for bales of tobacco. The word AGMARK shall be affixed to tobacco in each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE II

(See rules 2 and 3)

Grade designation* and definition of quality of unmanufactured fluecured virginia+ tobacco grown in India.
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Grade designation (1)	Colour . (2)	Texture* (3)	Body and condition., (4)
1#	Bright lemon and/or bright yellow and/or bright orange -	Good to fine	Good body leaves or strips free from sponginess, scalding, blemish.##
2#	Do.	Good	Good body leaves or strips which may have light and occasional brown spots or other ## blemish all together not exceeding the total area.
AP @	Bright lemon and/or bright orange and/or yellow to light orange	Fine to medium	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - together not less than 45 per cent and the balance of Agmark
AS @	Do.	Do.	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 30 per-cent and the balance of Agmark grade
AT @	Bright lemon and/or bright orange and/or yellow to light orange	Do.	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 15-percent and the-balance of Agmark grade
3.#	Lemon and/or yellow and/or light orange.	Medium to Good	Good body leaves or strips which may have spongy or brown other ## blemish altogether not exceeding 10 per cent of total area.
FLG	Bright lemon and/or bright orange and/or yellow to light orange with light green cast on the veins midribs, periphery and lips	Fine to medium	Good body leaves or strips having the characteristics of Agmark grades 1 and 4 separately or mixed with light green cast. as specified. Patches of deeper shades of greenish or brownish cast or other blemish shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total area.
4 #	Lemon and/or yellow and/or Light orange	Medium to Good	*Good body, leaves or strips which may have spongy or brown blemish altogether not exceeding 25 per cent the total area
*C.14	Bright lemon and/or bright orange and/or yellow to light orange	Fine to medium	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 70 per cent and the balance of Agmark grade
*F. 14	Do.	Do.	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 45 per cent. and the balance of Agmark grade
*S.1-4	Bright lemon and/or bright orange and/or yellow to light orange	Fine to medium	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 30 per cent. and the balance to Agmark grade
T.14	Do.	Do.	Good body leaves or strips consisting of Agmark grades 1 - not less than 15 per cent. and the balance of Agmark grade
LG#	Light green	Medium to fine	Good body leaves or strips which may have spongy or brown blemish ##, all together not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total area.
LMG	Light medium green	Medium to coarse	Good body leaves or strips which may have spongy, scalding or other blemish ##, all together not exceeding 25 per cent. of the total area.
MG	Medium green	Do.	Do.
DG	Dark green,	Do.	Good body leaves or strips.
LBY	Light brownish lemon and/or light brownish yellow and/or light brownish orange.	Medium to good	Good body leaves or strips which may have brown patches bruised spots or other blemish ## due to disease, all together not exceeding 25 per cent. of the total area.
LBY2	Light brownish lemon and/or light brownish yellow and/or, light brownish orange .	Coarse to medium	Good body leaves or strips which may have brown patches bruised spots or other ## blemish, not exceeding 50 per cent of the total area.
DB.	Brown	Coarse to medium	Good body leaves or strips which may have brown patches bruised spots or other ## blemish due to disease altogether not exceeding 65 per cent. of the total area.
B	Dark brown . . .	Do.	Good body leaves or strips which may have brown patches bruised spots or other** blemish not exceeding 65 per cent of the total area.
DDB***	Deep dark brown	Do.	Good body leaves or strips which may have spongy, scalding or other ## blemish altogether not exceeding 65 per cent. of the total area.
DBL	Dark brown . . .	of DB and PL.	Good body leaves or strips which may have brown patches bruised spots or other ## blemish not exceeding 65 per cent of the total area and PL leaves not exceeding 50 per cent. of the total area.
Bright Bits	Bright lemon, and/or bright yellow, and/or bright orange, - -lemon fine and/or yellow and/or light orange, light brownish lemon and/or light brownish yellow and/or light brownish orange, light green colour.	Medium to fine	Broken pieces not less than 5 centimetres long.
Semi bright Bits	Light brownish lemon and/or light brownish yellow and/or light brownish orange and/or brown and/or light medium green.	Coarse to medium	Broken pieces not less than 5 centimetres long

Dark Bits	Dark brown and/or medium green and/or dark green	Do.	.Do.
Bright PL	Colours of all the foregoing grades separately or mixed except MG, DG, B, DB and DDB	Do.	Body not covered by the description given for any of the fo straight grades.
Dark PL	Colours of grades, B, DB, MG,, and. DG separately or mixed -	Variable	Do
X ****			
FS++	Bright lemon or bright orange or yellow to light orange or light brownish yellow or brown light medium green or mixed	' Variable	Broken pieces not,less than 2.5 centimetres.
FS++	Bright lemon or bright orange or yellow to light orange or light brownish yellow or brown light green or light medium green or mixed	Do.	Broken pieces of less than 2.5 centimetres in length and fr extraneous matter. ;
Stems ##			Stems shall consist of midribs of leaves removed to the ex three-fifths or 60 per cent. of the length of the leaf in the p stemming from Virginia varieties of tobacco and their hybr
General Bits	Colour of Grades. 4, LBY, LBY2, B, LG, LMG and MG. The colour of either DG or DB is permissible upto the extent of 35 per cent only.	Medium to coarse	Broken pieces of not less than 5 centimetres long.
Semi Bright PL	The colour of Grades LBY LBY2, B and LMG.	Do.	Body not covered by the description given for any of the fo grades, ' '
General PL	Colour of Grades 4, LBY, LBY2,B,LG, LMG and MG. The colour of 'either DG or DB is permissible upto the extent of 35 per cent. only.	Do.	Do.
Stems and Stem Bits			Shall consist of whole mid-ribs and pieces of mid-ribs rem of stemming from Virginia variety of tobacco and their hyb
Stem Bits			Shall consist of any pieces of mid ribs obtained from Virgir tobacco and their hybrids and shall be free from extraneous

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SCHEDULE III			
(See rules 2 and 3)			
Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Suncured Virginia* tobacco in India			
. ... Special characteristics			
Grade designation	@ Colour"	@ Texture"	** Blemish
1	2	3	4
VBT	Bright ,. Good	1/16
VBR '	Light	Medium	1/16
VDR	Dark Brown Medium	2/16
VG	Dark Green	Variable	-2/16
VPL#	Bright or light brown or brown or mixed	Variable	
V-BITS	Bright or light brown or dark brown or mixed	Good to medium	Broken pieces not less than 7.5 centimetres long.
VS+	Do.	Variable	Broken pieces not less than 2.5 centimetres long.
VS2+	Do.	Do.	Broken pieces less than 15 centimetres in length and free from dust and extraneous matter.

SCHEDULE 3A
SCHEDULE III-A

(See rules 2 and 3)
Grade designations and definitions of quality of unmanufactured Oriental tobacco grown in India

Grade	Special characteristics		
designation	Colour	Texture	Blemish
OLBY	Yellow and/or orange to light brown and/or light brownish yellow/orange of light brownish and/or light to darkish green.	Fine to medium	Light to good body, embodying leaves from the various plant position from bottom to top leaves. Leaves may have brown or green patches, spongy, bruised or other blemishes, but not exceeding 50 per cent. of the total area.
ODGB	Dark green, brown and/or burnt brown	Medium to coarse	Light to heavy body, embodying leaves from the various plant position from bottom to top leaves. Leaves may be heavily blemished upto 90 per cent. of the total area.

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Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured Suncured "Now", (Country) tobacco			
Grade	Special characteristics		
designation	Colour+	Texture+	Blemish@
1	2	3	4
CBT	Bright	Good texture and body	1/16
CBR	Light brown	Medium texture and body	2/16
CDK	Light dark	Do.	2/16
CHBR	Heavy brown	Heavy body	2/16
CHD	Heavy dark	Do.	2/16
CG	Wholly or partly green	Medium to coarse	2/16
SB#	Brown or dark or mixed	Good body and texture	It shall consist of bits (not less than 50.8 mm. in length) obtained from whole leaves after discarding "butt" and "tip" ends. It shall be free from dust, other extraneous matter and moulds. Blemish due to breakage, handling, insect attack and spot disease (frog eye) shall not exceed 4/10ths of the surface.
SB2#	Do.	Medium body and medium to fair texture	Do.
SBM#	Brown or dark or mixed	Good to medium texture	It shall consist of strands or (not less than 25.4 mm. in length and 2.1 mm. in width) obtained from whole leaves.
CPL	Bright or brown dark or mixed	Variable	
NS**	Brown or dark or mixed	Variable	Broken pieces (not less than 2.5 centimetres long) of leaves of all grades but excluding dust or other extraneous matter.
NS2**	Brown or dark or mixed	Variable	Broken pieces of less than 2.5 centimetres in length and free from dust and extraneous matter.
Stems %			Stems shall consist of mid ribs without butts of leaves removed to the extent of at least three-fifths or 60 per cent. of the length of the leaf in the process of stemming from Suncure Natu (country) tobacco which may include any of the varieties of Nicotiana tabacum.

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Suncured Jutty* tobacco grown in Madras			
Grade designation	Special characteristics		

JBT .	Colour@	Texture@	Blemish**
JBN	Brown	Thin	1/16

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Suncured motihari tobacco (Nicotiana Rustica) grown in Bengal			
Grade designation	Special characteristics		
	Texture	Colour	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
D	Thick	Dark with brown patches	Heavy body leaves which may have slight greenish tinge at veins. Blemish@ permissible upto 5 per cent. of the total area.
DB . .	Medium	Dark brown with light brown patches	Good body leaves which may have greenish tinge at veins. Blemish@ permissible upto 10 per cent. of the total area.
B . .	Thin	Brown	Good body leaves which may have brown spots or blemish@, all together not exceeding 15 per cent of the total area.
DG . .	Thin	Dark green	Good body leaves which may have brown spots or blemish@, all together not exceeding 25 per cent of the total area.

*To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade will be allowed.

@Blemish shall include damage due to pests and diseases or breakage in handling, black spots and sun-burn.

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Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured suncured Jutty tobacco (Nicoliana tabacum) grown in Bengal			
Grade designation	Special characteristics		
	Texture*	Colour*	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3) ~	(4)
DLB	Pine and pliable	Dull brown	Good body leaves not less than 30 centimetres long, free from blemish@.
DLBS	. Do.	Do.	Good body leaves between 15 centimetres and 30 centimetres long free from blemish@.
DB	- Thick	Dark brown	Good body leaves which may have slight greenish tinge at veins or occasional brown spot or blemish@, all together not exceeding 5 per cent of the total area. ,
D	, Medium	Brown	Good body leaves which may have occasional brown spots or blemish@ all together not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total area,
DBM	. Medium	Dark brown	Good body leaves which may have occasional brown spots' or blemish @ all together not exceeding 25 per cent. of the total area.

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Suncured Jutty Bispath tobacco (Nicotiana tabacum) grown in Bengal			
Grade designation	Special characteristics		
	Colour*	Texture*	Blemish
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
LB . -	Light brown	Fine	1/16
DB . .	Dark brown or brown	Medium to coarse	2/16
DO . -	Dark brown and dark green mixed.	Thin	2/16

*To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specification in the next lower grade will be allowed.

@Blemish shall include damage due to pests and diseases or breakage in handling. The figures in column 4 refer the total area of the leaf affected.

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Top Leaf* tobacco			
Grade designation	Special characteristics	Texture	Blemish
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
TL1 .	Brown and dull green mixed	Coarse	1/16
TL2 .	Dark brown and dark green mixed	Coarse	2/16

*Top leaf tobacco shall consist of top leaves and suckers (not less than 75 centimetres long) of any varieties of Virginia tobacco and their hybrid having similar characteristics.

+To allow for accidental error in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent of leaves corresponding to the specification in the next lower grade will be allowed.

@Blemish includes damage due to pests and diseases, breakage in handling, black spots, sun-burn.

The figures in column 4 refer to the total area of the leaf affected.

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(See rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured white Barley* tobacco grown in India			
Grade designation	Special characteristics	Texture+	Blemish@
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
WBL	Light reddish brown	Medium	2/16
WBR	Reddish brown	Medium	2/16
WBD	Dark reddish brown	Medium to coarse	2/16
WBPL#	Light reddish brown to dark reddish brown	Variable	
WB-BITS	Do.	Medium to coarse	Broken pieces not less than 7.5 centimetres long.
WBS	Light reddish brown	Medium to coarse	Broken pieces of not less than 2.5 centimetres long.
WBS2	Light reddish brown to dark reddish brown.	Medium to coarse	Broken pieces of less than 2.5 centimetres in length and free from dust and extraneous matter..

SCHEDULE 11
SCHEDULE XI

(See rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Sun-cured Desi tobacco (Nicotiana tobacum) of chewing type grown in Bihar			
Grade designation	Special characteristics	Texture+	Minimum length in (centimetres)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Grade 1:			
Special	Reddish to dark brown	Thick	Nil
Large	Do.	Thick	Nil
Medium	Reddish to dark brown	Thick	Nil
Small . .	Do.	Thick	Nil
Grade II:			
Special . .	Brown	Medium	2/16
Large . .	"	Medium	2/16
Medium	"	Medium	2/16
Small . .	"	Medium	2/16
Grade III:			
Special	Light brown	Medium	2/16
Large	"	Medium	2/16
Medium	"	Medium	2/16
Small . .	"	Medium	2/16

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Sun-cured 'L.al Chapodia' tobacco grown in Bombay State			
		Special characteristics	
Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(L)BY	Brownish yellow with heavy spangling on the leaf.	Thick	Good body leaves with fine aroma with or without greenish tinge at veins. Blemish@ upto 5 per cent. of the total area.
(L)DB	Dark brown with medium spangling.	Medium	Good body leaves with medium aroma with or without greenish tinge at veins. Blemish@ upto 15 per cent. of the total area.
(L)GB	Greenish brown with or without spangles.	Medium	Good body leaves with medium aroma. Blemish@ upto 20 per cent. of the total area.
Pole	Mixed		Broken pieces of leaves of Lal Chapodia more than 12.7 mm. in size not less than 60 per cent. of the total weight, flakes of this size and stems together not less than 80 per cent. of the total. It shall be free from foreign matter.
1. To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specifications of the next lower grade will be allowed.			
2. @ Blemish includes damage due to disease, spots, sun-burn and breakage in handling.			
3. In the first two grades, greenish patches are also considered as blemish.			
4. In case of "hands" (leaf bundles,) the customary placement of small leaves and bits shall be tolerated to the extent of 20 per cent.			

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Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured sun-cured "Jude" tobacco grown in Bombay State			
		Special characteristics	
Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
JBY	Brownish yellow with heavy spangling.	Medium	Medium body leaves with fine aroma with or without greenish tinge at the veins. Blemish@ upto 5 per cent. of the total area.
JDB . .	Dark brown with medium spangling	Medium	Good body leaves with medium aroma with or without greenish tinge at veins. Blemish@ upto 15 per cent. of the total area.
JGB ..	Greenish brown with medium to thin spangling	Medium	Medium body leaves with aroma. Blemish @ upto 20 per cent of the total area.
Fole . .	Mixed		Broken pieces of leaves of Judi more than 12.7mm. in size not less than 60 per cent. of the total weight; flakes of this size and stem together not less than 80 per cent. of the total. It shall be free from foreign matter.
1. To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade will be allowed.			
2. Blemish@ includes damage due to disease, spots, sun-burn and breakage in handling.			
3. In the case of "hands" (leaf bundles), the customary placement of small leaves and bits shall be tolerated to the extent of 20 per cent.			

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SCHEDULE XIV

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured sun-cured "Natu" Bidi tobacco flakes and stems	
Special characteristics	

Grade designation	Colour	Texture and body	Size
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Processed	Greenish to dark green or yellowish to dark brown or mixed.	Thick to medium	Between 1.59 mm. to 6.35 mm. free from foreign matter Khandi (stems) shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total weight.
Semi-Processed.	Greenish to dark green or yellowish to dark brown or mixed.	Thick to medium	More than 6.35 mm. flakes not less than 50 per cent. and flakes and stems together not less than 75 per cent.
Rawa	Greenish to dark or yellowish to dark brown or mixed	Medium to coarse	Between 0.85 mm. and 1.59 mm. in size and free from foreign matter.
Stems'			Stems shall consist of mid ribs of - leaves of bidi tobacco only between 6.35 mm. and 12.7 mm. in length and free from foreign matter. Butts and bark shall not exceed 10 per cent.

1. 6.35 mm., 1.59 mm. and 0.85 mm. means not more than 4th or 16th or 30th square of circular aperture per linear 25.4 mm respectively. ..

2. To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of-5 per cent. of tobacco not conforming to the specifications will be tolerated in grades "processed" and "semi-processed".

3. "The grade designation shall be marked provided the sale is against a "firm order" from the buyer, the phrase "firm order" meaning that either the whole of the purchase money is to be paid in advance in cash or is guaranteed in some other way.

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SCHEDULE XV

(See rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Sun-cured Black Chapodia tobacco

Grade designation	Special characteristics		
	Colour	Texture	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(B)DB	Dark brown	Medium	Good body leaves with fine aroma, Blemish@ upto 10 per cent. of the total area.
(B)D	. Dark	Medium to coarse	Do.
(B)GD	Greenish dark	Do.	Do.
Fole	. Mixed		Broken pieces of leaves of Black Chapodia more than 12.7 mm. in size not less than 60 per cent. of the total weight, flakes of this size and stems together not less than 80 per cent. of the total. It shall be free from foreign matter.

@Blemish includes damage due to disease, spots, sun-burn and breakage in handling.

1, To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade will be allowed.

2. In the case of "hands' (leaf bundles), the customary placement of small leaves and bits shall be tolerated to the extent of 20 per cent.

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SCHEDULE XVI

(See rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Sun-cured Calcutta (Nicotiana rustica) tobacco

Grade designation	Special characteristics		
	Colour	Texture	Body and condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
C(BY)	Brownish yellow with heavy spangling on the leaf.	Thick	Good body leaves with fine aroma. Blemish@ cent. of the area.
C(DB)	Dark brown with medium spangling	Medium	Good body leaves with medium aroma. Blem 15 per cent. of the total area.

C(GB)	Greenish brown with or without spangling.	Medium	Good body leaves with medium aroma, Blem 20 per cent. of the total area.
Fole	Mixed		Broken pieces of "Calcutta" leaves of tobacco 6.35 mm. in size and free from foreign matte

@Blemish includes damage due to discase, spots, sun-burn and breakage in handling. In the first two grades, greenish patche considered as blemish.

Greenish tinge at veins is, however not considered as blemish.

1. To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5 per cent. of leaves corresponding to the specification of the "next grade will be allowed.

2. In the case of "hands" (Leaf bundles), the customary placement of small leaves and bits shall be tolerated to the extent of 2

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SCHEDULE XVII

Grade designations and definition of quality of unmanufactured Dark Western Firecured tobacco grown in Andhra Pradesh						
Grade desig	Colour	Texture	Body	Blemish	Size	
nation						
1	2	3	4	5	6	
DWF	Brown to Dark	Medium to	Light to	Not to exceed	Variable	Distinct
	Brown	Coarse	heavy	1/4th surface		aroma.
				of the leaf.		

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SCHEDULE XVIII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly grown in West State)* Filler (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type I					
Grade desig	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics
nation				burning	
1	2	3	4	5	6
NBF I	Olive	Medium	Not to ex	Should not be less than 15	The leaves shall:
	green	to average	ceed 25 per	cm. long. Free from dust or	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape,
			cent.	other extraneous matter, light	colour, characteristic of thevariety/
				to heavy body, good to fair	type;
				aroma and burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel;
NBF II	Olive	Average	Not to ex	Medium to heavy body, fair	(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and
	green	to coarse	ceed 65 per	to average aroma and mode	with a reasonable moisture;
			cent.	rate burning, should not be	
				less than 12 cm. long. Free	(4) be reasonably free from damage cau
				from dust or other extrane	sed by insects, mechanical injury and
				ous matter.	staining due to moisture of fungus etc.

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SCHEDULE XIX

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly grown in West Bihar and Northern Indian

States) Fitter (Nicotiana tabacum) Type II.					
Grade desig	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics
nations				burning	
1	2	3	4	5	6
NF I	Light to	Medium	Not to ex	Should not be less than 15	The leaves shall:
	brownish	to average	ceed 25 per	cm. long. Free from dust or	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape,
	Dark-		cent.	other extraneous matter, light	colour, characteristic of thevariety/
	variable			to heavy body, fair aroma and	type;
				burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel;
NP II	Light to	Average	Not to ex	Medium to heavy body, fair	(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and
	brownish	to coarse	ceed 65 per	to average aroma and mode	with a reasonable moisture;
	Dark		cent.	rate burning, should not be.	
	variable			less than 12 cm. long. Free	(4) be reasonably free from damage
				from dust or other extrane	caused by insects, mechanical injury
				ous matter.	and staining due to moisture of fungus
					etc.

*Cigar filler leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in a or container shall have

similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the .specifications in the next lower

grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include, green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 20
SCHEDULE XX

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Commonly grown in East and West G Andhra Pradesh State)* Filler

(Nicotiana tabacum) Type III

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics
1	2	3	4	5	6
CTF I	Brownish to light	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 25 per cent.	Should not be less than 15 cm. long, free from dust or other extraneous matter, light to heavy body, good to fair aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;
CFP II	Brownish to light	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 65 per cent.	Medium to heavy body, fair to average aroma and moderate burning, should not be less than 12 cm. long, free from dust or other extraneous matter.	(2) be mature solid in feet; (3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture; (4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture of fungus, etc.

*Cigar filler leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in a sample or container shall have

similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots, and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging spots. The figure of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 21
SCHEDULE XXI

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Cigar) (Commonly grown in Andhra Pradesh State) Filler (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type IV

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics
1	2	3	4	5	6
COF I	Light to Dark	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 25 per cent.	Should not be less than 15 cm. long, free from dust or other extraneous matter, light to heavy body, good to fair aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;
COF II	Light to Dark	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 65 per cent.	Medium to heavy body, fair to average aroma, and moderate burning. Should not be less than 12 cm. long. Free from dust or other extraneous matter.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture; (4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture of fungus etc.

*Cigar filler leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in a sample or container shall have

similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample. \\

SCHEDULE 22
SCHEDULE XXII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured tobacco (Southern) (Commonly grown in Tamil Nadu State)* Filler (Nicotiana tabacum) Type V

Grade	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics
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Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics
1	12	3	4	5	6
STF I	Light brownish to dark/heavy dark	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 25 per cent.	Should not be less than 15 cm. long. free from dust or other extraneous matter, light to heavy good to fair aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristics of the variety/type;
STF II	Light brownish to dark/heavy Dark	Medium to coarse	Not to exceed 65 per cent.	Medium to heavy body, fair to average aroma, and moderate burning, should not be less than 12 cm. long. Free from dust or other extraneous matter.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture; (4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture of fungus, etc.

*Cigar filler leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties, of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 23
SCHEDULE XXIII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Southern) (Commonly grown in Mysore State) Fitter (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type VI					
Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics
.1	2	3	4	5	6
SMF I	Almond brown to Light to Brownish Dark	Medium to average	Not to exceed 25 per cent.	Shall not be less than 15 cm. long, free from dust or other extraneous matter, light to heavy body, good to fair aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type:
SMF II	Almond brown to Light to Brownish Dark	Medium to average	Not to exceed 65 per cent.	Shall not be less than 12 cm. long free from dust or other extraneous matter. Medium to heavy body, fair to average aroma and moderate burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture; (4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture of fungus etc.

*Cigar filler leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 24
SCHEDULE XXIV

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly grown in West Bengal) Binder leaf (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type VII					
Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics

Grade designation	2	3	4	5	6	7
NBB I	Medium	Fine to Olive	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. thin to medium body, oily, depressed	The leaves shall:	
		Medium		veins, good aroma and burning.	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;	
NBB II	Medium	Fine to Olive	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long	(2) be mature solid in feel;	
		Medium		medium body oily, depressed	(3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and	
		fairly elastic.		few prominent veins, good aroma and burning.	with a reasonable moisture;	
NBB III	Medium	Medium	Between 26 to 50 per cent.	Between 15 cm. to 20 cm. long	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus	
	to deep	Semi elastic		medium body, less oily	etc.;	
	Olive			depressed few prominent	(5) be reasonably free from perforations.	
	Green			veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.		

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of *Nicotiana tabacum* but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in leaves affected in sample sponging and black spots.

The figures of proportion given in the column 4 refer to the total area of sponging.

SCHEDULE 25 SCHEDULE XXV

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly grown in West Bengal, Bihar and Northern Indian States)

Binder Leaf (*Nicotiana tabacum*) Type VIII

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NB I	Medium	Fine to Olive	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. thin to medium body, oily, depressed	The leaves shall:	
		Medium		veins, good, aroma, and burning.	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;	
	Almond Brown.	fairly elastic				
NB II	Medium	Fine to Olive	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. length medium body, oily, depressed	(2) be mature solid in feel;	
		Medium		length medium body, oily, depressed few prominent veins,	(3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and	
	Almond Brown.	fairly elastic.		good aroma and burning.	with a reasonable moisture;	
NB III	Medium	Medium	Between 26 to 50 per cent.	Between 15 cm. to 20 cm. long, medium body, less oily	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus	
	to deep almond brown.	' Semi elastic		depressed few prominent	etc.;	
				veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.	(5) be reasonably free from perforations.	

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of *Nicotiana tabacum* but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

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Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Commonly grown in East and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh State)

Binder Leaf (*Nicotiana tabacum*) Type IX

Grade	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics	Remarks
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Grade designation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CEB I	Light	Fine to	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. thin to medium body, oily, depressed	burning	The leaves shall:	
	blown to light	Medium to clastic		medium body, oily, depressed		(1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;	
	mehagony brown.			less prominent veins, pleasant aroma and uniform burning.			
CEB II	Medium	Medium	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long medium body, oily, depressed		(2) be mature solid in feel;	
	brown to medium	fairly elastic.		medium body, oily, depressed			
	(neha-gony brown.			few prominent veins, pleasant aroma and uniform burning.		(3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture;	
CEB III	Dark	Medium	Between 26 to 50 per cent.	Between 15 cm. to 20 cm. long medium body, less oily medium depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.		(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus etc.;	
	brown to Deep meha-gony brown.	semi-elastic		medium body, less oily medium depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.		(5) be reasonably free from perforations.	

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaf in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and disease, breakage in handling, spongy and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 27
SCHEDULE XXVII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Commonly grown in Andhra Pradesh) Binder Leaf (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type X							
Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics	Remarks	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
CB I	Light	Fine to	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. and thin to medium body, oily, depressed	burning	The leaves shall .	
	brown	Medium to elastic		medium body, oily, depressed		(1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type; and uniform burning.	
CB II	Medium	Medium	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long, medium body, oily, depressed		(2) be mature solid in feel;	
	brown	fairly elastic.		medium body, oily, depressed		(3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture;	
CB III	Dark	Medium	Between 26 to 50 per cent.	Between 15 cm. to 20 cm. long medium body, less oily medium depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.		(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus etc.;	
	brown	semi-elastic		medium body, less oily medium depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma and moderate burning.		(5) be reasonably free from perforations.	

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaf in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and disease, breakage in handling, spongy and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

. %Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and disease, breakage in handling, spon and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 28
SCHEDULE XXVIII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Southern) (Commonly grown in Tamil Nadu State)* Binder Leaf (Nicotiana

tabacum) Type XI

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
STB I	Light	Fine to	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. and thin to medium body, oily, depressed less prominent veins, pleasant aroma and uniform burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;	
STB II	Medium brown	Medium fairly elastic.	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long, medium body, oily, depressed few prominent veins, pleasant aroma and uniform burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air-cured and dried with a reasonable moisture;	
STB III	Dark brown to Deep	Medium semi-elastic	Between 26 to 50 per cent.	Between 15 cm. to 20 cm. long medium body, less oily depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma, moderate burning.	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus etc.; (5) be reasonably free from perforation.	

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and disease, breakage in handling, spon and black spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 29
SCHEDULE XXIX

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air-cured cigar tobacco (Southern) (Commonly grown in Mysore State) Binder Leaf (Nicotiana tabacum)

Type XII

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SMB I	Light	Fine to	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length above 30 cm. thin to medium body, oily, depressed veins, pleasant aroma and uniform burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristics of the variety/type;	
SMB II	Medium brown	Medium fairly elastic.	Between 11 to 25 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long, medium body, oily, depressed few prominent	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air-cured and	

	dium Ma			veins, pleasant aroma and uniform	dried and with a reasonable moisture;
	hagony			burning.	
	brown/Deep Olive Green.				
SMB III	Dark brown/ Deep	Medium semi-	Between 26 to 50 per	Between 15, cm. to 20 cm. long,. medium body, less oily,	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects mechanical injury
	Mahagony brown/ Deep Olive	elastic	cent.	depressed few prominent veins, fair aroma, and mode rate burning.	and staining due to moisture or fungus etc.; (5) be reasonably free from perforation.

*Cigar binder leaf (air cured) tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have

similar varjetal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves correspond to the specifications in the next lower

grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 30

SCHEDULE XXX

Grade designation and defunuon of quality of unmanufactured aircured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly Grown West Bengal State) * Wrapper Leaf (Nicotiana

tabacum) Type XIII

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics	Rema
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NBW	Light Olive Green	Fine silky, elastic	Not to ex ceed 5 per cent.	Length 40 cm. and above in body, very oily, very spready, uniform, depressed with few thin veins, good aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/ *ype;	
NBWII	Light Olive Green	Pine silky elastic.	Between 6 to 10 per cent.	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm. long, thin body, oily, fairly spready, uniform, depressed with few thin veins, good aroma and burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture;	
NBW III	Medium Olive Green	Fine to Medium fairly silky semi- elastic	Between 11 to 15 per cent.	Between 20 cm, to 30 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready uniform, depressed with few thin veins, fair aroma and burning.	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture of or fungus etc.; (5) be reasonably free from perforation.	
NBW IV	Medium Olive Green	Fine to medium fairly, silky semi- elastic.	Between 16 to 20 per cent.	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready, uniform, depressed with few veins, fair aroma and burning.		

*Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in any sample or container shall

have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower

grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 31

SCHEDULE XXXI

* Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Northern) (Commonly Grown in West Bengal, Bihar and Northern Indian State)

Wrapper Leaf (Nicotiana tabacum) Type XIV

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NBW I	Light	Fine	Not to exceed 10 per cent.	Length 40 cm. and above thin body, very oily, very spready, uniform, depressed with thin veins, good aroma and burning.	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/type;	
NBW II	Light	Fine	Between 6 to 10 per cent.	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm. long, thin body, oily, fairly spready, uniform, depressed with few prominent thin veins, good aroma and burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel; (3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture;	
NBW III	Medium	Fine to Medium	Between 11 to 15 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready uniform, depressed with few thin veins, fair aroma and burning.	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus etc.;	
NBW IV	Medium	Pine to medium	Between 16 to 20 per cent.	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready, uniform, depressed with few veins, fair aroma and burning.	(5) be reasonably free from perforation.	

*Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in any sample or container shall

have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower

grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging

and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 32

SCHEDULE XXXII

Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Circars) (Commonly Grown in East and West Godavari District of Andhra

Pradesh)* Wrapper Leaf (Nicotiana Tabacum) Type XV

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CEW I	Light	Fine to medium,	Not to exceed 5 per cent.	Length 40 cm. and above, medium body, oily, spready, uniform, very smooth, de	The leaves shall: (1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/	

		silky		pressed with few thin veins,	type;
		elastic.		good aroma and burning.	
CEW II	. Light	Fine to	Between 6	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm.	(2) be mature solid in feel;
	Almond	medium,	to 10 per	long, medium body, oily,	
	Brown	fairly,	cent.	spready, uniform, smooth de	(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried with
		silky,		pressed with few thin veins,	a reasonable moisture;
		elastic.		good aroma and burning.	
CEW III	Medium	Medium,	Between 11	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm.	(4) be reasonably free from damage
	Almond	fairly	to 15 per	long, medium to heavy body,	caused by insects, mechanical injury
	Brown to	elastic	cent.	less oily, spready uniform,	and staining due to moisture or fungus
	Brown			depressed with few veins, fair	etc.;
				aroma and burning.	
					(5) be reasonably free from perforation.
CEW IV	. Medium	Medium	Between	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm.	
	Almond	fairly	16 to 20	long, medium body, less oily,	
	Brown to	elastic.	per cent,	spready, uniform, depressed	
	Brown			with few veins, fair aroma	
				and burning.	

*Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@to allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 33
SCHEDULE XXXIII

* Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured cigar tobacco (Circars) (Commonly Grown in Andhra Pradesh) Wrapper Leaf (Nicotiana Tabacum)

Type XV]						
Grade desig nation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma, burning	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COW I	Medium	Pine to	Not to ex	Length 40 cm. and above, thin	The leaves shall:	
	Almond	medium,	ceed 5 per	body, oily, spready, uniform,	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape,	
	brown	fairly	cent.	depressed with few thin veins,	colour, characteristic of the variety/	
		silky		good aroma with fair bur	type;	
		elastic.		ning.		
COW II	Medium	Fine to	Between 6	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm.	(2) be mature solid in feel;	
	Almond	medium,	to 10 per	long, thin body, oily, sp		
	brown	fairly,	cent.	ready, uniform, depressed	(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and	
		silky,		with few thin veins, good	with a reasonable moisture;	
		clastic.		aroma with fair burning.		
COW III	Deep	Medium,	Between 11	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm.	(4) be reasonably free from damage	
	Almond	fairly	to 15 per	long, medium body, less oily,	caused by insects, mechanical injury	
	Blown to.	elastic	cent.	spready depressed with few	and staining due to moisture of fungus	
	dark			veins, fair aroma with mode	etc.;	
	brown			rate burning.		
					(5) be reasonably free from perforation.	

COW IV	Deep	Medium	Between	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm.		
	Almond	fairly	16 to 20	long, medium body, less oily,		
	Brown to	elastic.	per cent,	spready, uniform, depressed		
	dark			with few veins, fair aroma		
	brown			with moderate burning.		

*Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of *Nicotiana tabacum* but all the leaves in any sample or container shall

have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of

proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 34

SCHEDULE XXXIV

~ . Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured tobacco (Southern)(Commonly Grown in Tamil Nadu State) Wrapper Leaf (*Nicotiana*

Tabacum) Type XVII

Grade designation	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
STW I	Medium	Fine to	Not to exceed 5 per cent.	Length 40 cm. and above, thin body, oily, spready, uniform,	The leaves shall:	
	Olive green/medium	medium, fairly silky		depressed with few thin veins, good aroma with fair burning.	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape, colour, characteristic of the variety/ type;	
	almond brown.	elastic.				
STW II	Medium	Fine to	Between 6 to 10 per cent.	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm. long, thin body, oily, spready, uniform, depressed with few thin veins, good aroma with fair burning.	(2) be mature solid in feel;	
	Olive green/medium	medium, fairly, silky,			(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and with a reasonable moisture;	
	almond brown.	elastic.				
STW III	Deep	Medium.	Between 11 to 15 per cent.	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready depressed with few veins, fair aroma with moderate burning.	(4) be reasonably free from damage caused by insects, mechanical injury and staining due to moisture or fungus etc;	
	Olive green/deep	fairly elastic			(5) be reasonably free from perforation.	
	almond brown or brown.					
STW IV	Deep	Medium	Between	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm. long, medium body, less oily, spready, uniform, depressed		
	Olive green/deep	fairly elastic.	16 to 20 per cent.	with few veins, fair aroma		
	almond brown or brown.			with moderate burning.		

*Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of *Nicotiana tabacum* but all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves

corresponding to the specifications in the next lower grade shall be allowed.

SCHEDULE 35
SCHEDULE XXXV

* Grade designation and definition of quality of unmanufactured air cured cigar tobacco (Southern) (Commonly Grown in Mysore State) Wrapper Leaf (Nicotiana Tabacum) Type XVIII

Grade desig	Colour@	Texture	Blemish %	Size, shape, body, aroma,	General characteristics	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SMW I	Light	Fine to	Not to ex	Length 40 cm. and above,	The leaves shall:	
	Almond	medium,	ceed 5 per	medium body, oily, spready,	(1) be reasonably uniform in shape,	
	Brown	fairly	cent.	uniform, very smooth, de	colour, characteristic of the variety/	
		silky		pressed with few thin veins,	type;	
		elastic.		good aroma and burning.		
SMW II	Light	Fine to	Between 5	Between 30 cm. to 40 cm.	(2) be mature solid in feel;	
	Almond	medium,	to 10 per	long, medium body, oily,		
	brown	fairly,	cent.	spready, uniform, smooth de	(3) be thoroughly air cured and dried and	
		silky,		pressed with few thin veins,	with a reasonable moisture;	
		elastic.		good aroma and burning.		
SMW III	Deep	Medium,	Between 11	Between 20 cm. to 30 cm.	(4) be reasonably free from damage	
	Almond	fairly	to 15 per	long, medium to heavy body,	caused by insects, mechanical injury	
	brown to	elastic	cent.	less oily, spready uniform,	and staining due to moisture or fungus	
	brown			depressed with few veins, fair	etc.:	
				aroma and burning.		
					(5) be reasonably free from per	
					foration.	
SMW IV	Deep	Medium	Between	Between 10 cm. to 20 cm.		
	Almond	fairly	16 to 20	long, medium body, less oily,		
	biswuto	elastic.	per cent.	spready, uniform, depressed		
	brown			with few veins, fair aromi		
				and burning.		

'Cigar wrapper leaf (air cured) Tobacco may include any of the indigenous varieties of Nicotiana tabacum hut all the leaves in any sample or container shall have similar varietal characteristics.

@To allow for accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 1/16 for colour and texture in respect of leaves corresponding to the specifications in the next lower

grade shall be allowed.

%Blemish shall include green patches, brown spots and damage due to pest and diseases, breakage in handling, sponging and black spots. The figures of proportion given in column 4 refer to the total area of leaves affected in any sample.

SCHEDULE 36
SCHEDULE XXXVI

Grade designation and definition of threshed lamina derived from tobacco grown in India 1. Threshed Lamina is derived from graded tobacco leaves of any variety and their hybrids having similar characteristics, by threshing and shall consist of leaf tips obtained by cutting about 1/3 length of leaf and broken bits or pieces of varying lengths obtained by threshing the tipped leaf (remaining portion) mechanically. 2. Threshed lamina comprises of leaf tips and mechanically broken bits or pieces of lamina of varying lengths obtained from the tipped leaf subject to the following limitations, namely:- (a) The size of leaf tips shall be between 76 to 152 mm. in length. (b) The size of broken bits or pieces obtained from the tipped leaf shall be in between 6 to 152 mm. in length. (c) The weight of leaf tips shall not exceed 25% (by weight) of total lamina. (d) Threshed lamina shall contain a minimum of 70% (by weight) of pieces of over 13 mm. in length in the total product. (e) Threshed lamina shall not contain more than 10% (by weight) of pieces of less than 6 mm. in size in the total product. (f) The total stem in the threshed lamina shall not exceed 5% by weight of the total product. 3. The packing and export of threshed lamina is subject to the following conditions, namely: (a) The grade to be assigned for the threshed lamina shall be determined before the whole leaf is issued for threshing. The grade specifications applicable to the unmanufactured tobacco as laid down in respective Schedule shall be enforced

before putting the tobacco in the threshing plant. (b) Only tobacco inspected and approved for a particular grade shall be allowed for threshing in the presence of an inspecting officer and on the AGMARK label the words "Threshed lamina" shall be stamped in bracket alongside the grade designation mark. (c) Graded "Threshed lamina" tobacco packages are subjected to usual check sampling and check inspection as in the case of Agmarked unmanufactured tobacco packages.

SCHEDULE 37
SCHEDULE XXXVII

(See rule 7) Special conditions of a Certificate of Authorisation issued to an owner of a tobacco redrying factory 1. That the owner of the redrying factory shall provide the factory with moisture testing equipment approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India or an officer authorised by him in this behalf and shall employ suitable staff for moisture determination work. 2. That any redrying factory authorised in this behalf shall maintain proper records of moisture tests of tobacco samples in the forms approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Govt. of India. 3. That a redrying factory shall test at least every tenth package redried in the order of packing whether on its own account or on behalf of another authorised packer or packers and shall issue a copy of the moisture test report on each parcel of tobacco redried and packed at the factory. 4. That all instructions regarding the methods of sampling and moisture determination which may be issued from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India shall be strictly observed. 5. That every redrying factory authorised in this behalf shall make available for inspection at all reasonable times the moisture test records to persons duly authorised by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. 6. That the owner of each redrying factory shall declare the rated capacity of the redrying machine. 7. That as long as the bales are warehoused in the factory premises, the factory owner shall be responsible to see that labels and seals are intact. 8. That the owner of every redrying factory shall provide adequate accommodation with proper light to facilitate the examination by the Inspecting Officers of loose tobacco in baskets intended for redrying and packing in the absence of the Inspecting Officer. 9. That the owner of every redrying factory shall maintain in register as per proforma given below:

Date S. No. of bales/cases Factory and Variety, grade Agmark Net wt. and packed in 24 hours, excise S.No. and year of No. (kg.) time harvest

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