

## **WHEAT ATTA (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1961**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Carding and Marking) Act, 1937 (I of 1937) and in supersession of the Atta (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1940, 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 Wheat Atta (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1961.
- (2) They shall apply to wheat atta produced in any part of India other than the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

In these rules-

- (a) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, and;
- (b) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules.

### **3. Grade designations :-**

The grade designations to indicate the quality of wheat atta shall be as set out in column I of Schedules II and IV.

### **4. Definition of quality :-**

The quality indicated by the grade designation shall be as set out against such designations in Schedule IV.

**5. Grade designation marks :-**

(1) 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") resembling the mark set out in Schedule 1. NOTE.-Each label shall have printed thereon a serial number along with a letter or letters denoting the series e.g. A.004378.

(2) The grade designation mark to be used on paper or cloth bags shall consist of a paste-on label of the colour set out in column 2 of Schedule II specifying the grade designation.

(3) The grade designation mark to be used on B-twill jute bags shall consist of a rectangular tie-on label of the colour set out in column 2 of Schedule II specifying the grade designation.

**6. Marking provisions :-**

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

(2) In addition to the grade designation mark, each container shall be clearly marked with such particulars and in such manner as may from time to time be specified by the aforesaid officer.

(3) An authorised packer may after obtaining the previous 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 the Wheat Atta different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed on the container in accordance with these rules.

**7. Method of packing :-**

Only sound clean container such as paper, cloth or B- twill jute bags shall be used for packing wheat atta and such packages shall be securely closed.

**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 conditions set out in Schedule III shall be the conditions of every certificate of authorisation issued for the purpose of the rules,

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE-II

\\ \\ \\ [see rule 3, rule 5(2)(3)] \\ Paste-on label for paper or cloth bags.
Grade designation \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ colour of lettering
\\1 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\2

Wheat atta-Grade H.G. \ \ \ \ \ Red Wheat atta-Grade L.G. \ \ \ \ \ Blue

Tie-on label for B-twill jute bags.

Grade designation \ \ \ \ \ Colour of leilcring

\1 \ \ \ \ \ \2

Wheat atta-Grade H.G. Wheat atta-Grade L.G. \Red Blue

SCHEDULE 3

SCHEDULE III

\ \ \ \ \ (see rule 8) Special conditions of Certificate of Authorisation. (a) An authorised packer shall take all precautions to avoid admixture of other grains with the wheat during storage, processing and packing. (b) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing wheat alta as may be laid down from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. He shall also maintain proper records of the analysis of samples. (c) All instructions regarding the methods of sampling and analysis, sealing and marking of containers, the maintenance of records and submission of returns which may be issued from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, shall be strictly observed. (d) A sample of wheat atta drawn in a manner laid down by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, from each lot of wheat atta produced shall be forwarded to such control Laboratory as may be directed From time to time.

SCHEDULE 4

SCHEDULE IV

Agmark Grade Designations and Definitions of quality of Wheat Atta*							
		Moisture	Total ash	Acid	Crude	Alco	Gluten
		per cent.	(on dry	inso	fibre	holic	per cent
		by wei	basis)	luble	(on dry	acidity	by weight
		ght not	per cent	ash (on	weight	(asH2	not less
		excee	by	dry	basis)	SO4)2m	than
Grade	Description	ding	weight	basis)	per	90 per	
Designa			not ex	per	cent by	cent al	
tion			ceeding	cent by	weight	cohol	
				weight	not ex	per cent	
				not ex	ceeding	by weight	
				ceeding		not ex	
						ceeding	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wheat Atta-	The material shall be obtai	13.0	2.0	0-1	2.5	0.10	9.0
Grade H.G.	ned by milling or grinding						
	clean and sound wheat.						
	It shall be in the form of						
	powder and shall pass						
	through **IS Sieve 50						

	(aperture 0.500 mm.). It						
	shall be whitish to light						
	brown in colour having a						
	characteristic taste and						
	flavour. It shall be free						
	from rancidity, insect or						
	fungus infestation and						
	from fermented, musty or						
	other objectionable odour.						
	It shall not have grit adul-						
	terants or other extraneous						
	matter.						
Wheat Atta-Grade	Do	13.0	2.0	0.1	2.5	0.10	7.0
L.G.							
*When the wheat atta has been obtained by grinding the wheat in stone-mills (Chakkis) the word 'Chakki' shall be stamped on the label.							
**see IS : 460-1953 Indian Standard Specification for Test Sieves with Amendment No. 1.							