

## **AMBADI SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1964**

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## **AMBADI 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 Ambadi Seeds (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1964.
- (2) They shall apply to Ambadi seeds (Seeds of plants botanically known as Hibiscus Cannabinus and Hibiscus Sabdarffa) 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 designation :-**

The grade designations to indicate the quality of Ambadi 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 as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 8 of Schedule II.

## **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 the Figure of the rising sun, with the words "Produce of India" and resembling the one as set out in Schedule I.

## **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.

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

(3) An 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 quality or grade of Ambadi seeds different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

## **7. Method of packing :-**

(1) Only sound, clean and dry containers made of jute, 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 a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(3) Each package shall contain Ambadi 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 shall be the conditions of every certificate of authorisation issued for the purpose of these rules, namely:-

(1) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing Ambadi 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, for sampling, testing and such other matters as may be specified.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

# SCHEDULE I

(See rule 5) Design for the grade designation mark

## SCHEDULE 2

### SCHEDULE II

(See rule 3 and rule 4)

Grade designation	Special Characteristics						General Characteristic
	Foreign matter (per cent) by weight	Other seeds (edible) (per cent) by weight	Damaged and discoloured seeds (per cent) by weight	Shrivelled and immature seeds (per cent) by weight	Admixture of other types (per cent) by weight	Weevilled seeds (per cent) by weight	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Grade 1	1.00	0.50	0.25	1.00	0.25	0.00	Ambadi Seeds shall:
Grade 11	2.00	1.00	0.25	1.50	0.50	1.00	(a) be the dried, mature seeds of the
							plants botanically known as Hibiscus
Grade III	4.00	2.00	0.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	Casnnabinus and Hibis Sabdariffa.
							(b) have uniform shape, size and
							colour,
							(c) be dry, clean and free from
							moulds, weevils, of deleterious
							discolouration, admixture of deleterious
							substances and all impurities except to the
							extent indicated in the Schedule.

							(d) be in sound
							merchantable condition.