

ARECANUTS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1952

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ARECANUTS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1952

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.

1. Short title :-

These rules may be called the Arecanuts (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1952.

2. Grade designation :-

Grade designation to indicate the quality of arecanuts of specified varieties grown in India are set out in column I of Schedule I and Schedule II.

3. Definition of quality :-

The quality indicated by the grade designations is set out against such designations in columns 2 to 6 of Schedule I and in columns 2 and 3 of Schedule II and column 7 of the Schedule I and column 4 of Schedule II respectively.

4. Grade designation marks :-

The grade designation shall consist of a label, bearing a design (consisting of an outline map of India in conjunction with the word

AGMARK) resembling that set out in Schedule III specifying the grade designation [and shall be of the following colour:

5. Method of marking :-

(1) The grade designation mark label shall be securely attached to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. In addition to the grade designation mark the following particulars shall be clearly marked on the label :- Year of harvest..... Packing Centre..... Date of packing..... Net weight.....

(2) An authorised packer may, after obtaining the previous approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, 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 arecanuts different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed on the container in accordance with these rules.

6. Method of packing :-

(1) The arecanuts shall be packed in gunny bags which are clean, dry and in good sound condition. Containers which have been previously used for commodities likely to cause damage or impart any flavour, odour or other undesirable characteristics to the arecanuts shall not be employed.

(2) Each bag shall contain only arecanuts of the crop year specified and of one grade designation only.

7. Arrangements for analysis :-

An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing arecanuts as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Adviser to the Government of India from time to time.

SCHEDULE 1

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	Special characteristics				
Grade	Diame- Minimum	Colour of Pith			Damaged General
designation	ter' percen				nuts characteristics
	tage of	Copra-		Yellowish	maximum

	Topiwali Nuts	white minimum percent;	maximum percentage			percentage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Moti Special.	25 mm and over but	75	90	Nil	.50	The arecanuts shall be whole fully
	not exceeding 30mm					
A.I. .		Do	40	60	10	1 husked, of light
A.II. .	Do	10	10	60	2	colour, reasonably well matured, free
Shrivardhan .	25mm and over but	75	90	Nil	.50	from blemish
Special	less than 25 mm					cracks, fissure
A.I. .	Do	40	60	10	.50	shrinkage and
A.II. .	Do	10	10	60	.50	shall not be hollow
						inside. These are-
Jamnagar .	20 mm and over but	75	90	Nil	.50	canuts shall be
Special	less than 23 mm.					worm-eaten or
A.I. .	Do	40	60	10	.50	otherwise damaged
A.II .	Do	40	10	60	.50	damaged from outside
						or inside.
Jeeni . .	Under 20 mm	75	90	Nil	.50	
Special						
A.I. .	Do	40	60	Nil	.50	
A.II .	Do	10	10	60	.50	
Meetupalayam	19 m.m. and over	Nil	90	Nil	1	
Special	but less than 23 m.m.					
A.I. .	15 m.m. and over	Nil	60	10	1.50	2
	but less than					
	19mm.					
A.II. .	12 m.m.	Nil	60	10	2	

	and over					
	but less than					
	15 mm.					
Pooja Special	Under 12 m.m.	Nil	90	Nil	1	
Koka Special.	19 mm. and over	Nil	90	10	2	The arecanuts shall
	but not exceeding					be whole and may
	23 m.m.					be slightly immature.
A.I. .	13 mm. and over	Nil	60	20	3	Small cracks and
	but not exceeding					fissures allowed.
	19mm.					Slight shrinkage is also
						permitted. In A.I. grade
						adherent skin is not
						permitted.
Note *To allow for accidental errors in grading, 5 per cent of the nuts of the next lowest or higher grade shall be permitted.						

SCHEDULE 2
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(See rules 2 and 3)			
Grade designation and definition of quality of cut-boiled arecanuts or betelnuts produced in India			
Grade designation	Size (Diameter in mm)	Broken nuts (Maximum percentage by weight)	General characteristics
1	2	3	4
Pheeton Big	18 and above	0.5	All the nuts shall be
Pheeton Medium	Below 18 but less than 16	0.5	(a) Prepared from tender nuts; (b) of uniform colour i.e. bright shining to dull red colour;
Pheeton	Below 16 but	0.5	(c) free from insect infestation

Small	not less than 15		and visible mould; and (d) reasonably dry and be the tapering
			and posterior of the cut nut.
Rajalu Big	18 and above	0.5	(a) Prepared from tender nuts;
Rajalu	Below 18 but	0.5	(b) of uniform colour i.e.
Medium	not less than		bright shining to dull red colour;
	16		(c) free from insect infection and
			visible mould; and
Rajalu	Below 16 but	0.5	(d) reasonably dry and be the
Small	not less than 15		stalkend (anterior) of the
			cut-nut with a depression at the top.
(+) Kadihasa	Below 15	0.5	(a) Prepared from tender nuts;
Composite			(b) of uniform colour i.e. bright
			shining to dull red colour;
			(c) free from insect infestation
			and visible mould; and
			(d) reasonably diy and shall include
			both anterior and posterior
			portions of the cut-nut.
C) Bette Big	18 and above	0.5	(a) Prepared from mature nuts;
Bette Medium	Below 18 but	0.5	(b) of uniform colour i.e. bright
	than 16		shining to dull red colouis;
			(c) free from insect infestation and
			visible mould; and
Bette Small	Below 16 but	0.5	(d) reasonably dry and shall
	not than 15		include both anterior and posterior
			portions of cut-nut.
Nuli	This variety has		(a) Of no uniform shape or
	irregular shape		size; shrunken in appearance;
	and size		(b) of light to dark red in colour;
			(c) thin in structure brittle and
			lightest of all other nuts;

			(d) reasonably dry; and
			(e) free from insect infestation.
<u>SCHEDULE 3</u>			
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(See rule 4) Grade designation mark for arecanuts ◻			