

## **BASMATI RICE (EXPORT) (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1979**

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### **1. Short title, commencement and application :-**

- (1) These rules may be called the Basmati Rice (Export) (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1979.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.
- (3) They shall apply to basmati rice produced in India.

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

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India;
- (b) "Authorised packer" means any person or body of persons who has been issued a certificate of authorisation by the Agricultural Marketing Adivser authorising such person or body of persons to grade and mark basmati rice under Agmark.

(c) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules

**3. Grade designation :-**

Grade designation to indicate the quality of basmati rice shall be as set out in column 1 of the Schedules <sup>1</sup> [II to IV].

1. Subs. by G.S.R. 693, dated 21st August, 1987, for Schedules II and III.

**4. Definition of quality :-**

The quality indicated by the grade designation shall be set out against each grade designation in Schedules <sup>1</sup> [II to IV]

1. Subs. by G.S.R. 693, dated 21st August, 1987, for Schedules II and III.

**5. Grade designation marks :-**

The grade designation marks shall consist of a label 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 and specifying the grade designation.

**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 manner as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. The following particulars shall also be clearly and indelibly marked on each container, namely:

(a) the serial number of the lot,

(b) date of packing,

(c) name of the packer,

(d) place of packing.

(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

**7. Method of packing :-**

(1) Only sound, clean and dry containers made of jute or any other material as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, 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 basmati rice of the trade description and 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.

(a) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing basmati rice as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(b) An authorised packer shall provide all facilities as may be necessary for sampling, testing etc., to the inspecting officers duly authorised by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, in this behalf.

SCHEDULE 1  
SCHEDULE I

(See rule 5) Design for the Grade Designation Mark
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SCHEDULE 2  
SCHEDULE II

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designation and definition of quality of Basmati raw milled rice (for export only)
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Grade designation and definition of quality of Basmati raw milled rice (for export only)						
Grade designation	Special characteristics (Maximum limits of tolerance)					General characteristics
	Foreign matter	Broken and fragments'	Other rice including red grains'	Damaged and chalky grains	Moisture	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Special	05	5.0	10.0	1.0	14.0	1. The grains shall be long slender of white, creamy white or greyish colour and translucent.

A	1.0	10.0	15.0	2.0'	14.0	2. The rice:
B	2.0	10.0	20.0	3.0	14.0	(a) Shall be the dried
						matured kernels of
						Olyzasativa; and have
						uniform size, shape
						and colour,
						(b) Shall possess in a
						marked degree the
						natural fragrance
						characteristic of Bas-
						mati rice both in the
						raw and cooked state;
						(c) Shall not have
						been
						artificially coloured
						and shall be free from
						polishing agents;
						(d) May contain upto
						3 per
						cent of grains with
						appreciable amount of
						bran thereon;
						(e) Shall be free from
						musty or obnoxious
						odour and shall carry
						no sign of mould or
						containing webs and
						dead or live weevils;
						(f) Shall have length
						6.0
						mm. and above and
						length breadth ratio 3
						and above;
						(g) Shall be in sound
						merchantable
						condition.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**SCHEDULE**

(See rules 3 and 4)		
Grade designation and definition of quality of 'Basmati parboiled rice (for export only)		
	Special characteristics (Maximum limits of tolerance	
Grade	Per cent byweight)	
designation		General characteristics

	Foreign matter	Brokens and fragments'	Other rice including red grains'	Damaged and chalky grains	Moisture	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Special	OS	5.0	10.0	1.0	14.0	1. The grains shall be long slender of creamy-white or brownish or greyish colour and translucent.
A	1.0	10.0	15.0	2.0	14.0	2. The rice:
B	2.0	10.0	20.0	3.0	14.0	(a) Shall be the dried matured kernels of <i>Oryzasativa</i> ; and have uniform size, shape and colour;
						(b) Shall possess in a marked degree the natural fragrance characteristic of Basmati rice both in the raw and cooked state;
						(c) Shall not have been artificially coloured and shall be free from polishing agents;
						(d) May contain upto 3 per cent of grains with appreciable amount of bran thereon;
						(e) Shall be free from musty or obnoxious odour and shall carry no sign of mould or





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								6.0 mm and above
								and length-breadth
								ratio 3.0 and
								above;
								(f) Shall be in sound
								merchan-table
								condition.

**DEFINITIONS--**

1. Foreign matter shall include dust, stones, lumps of earth, chaff, stem or straw and any other

impurity.

2. Broken and fragments shall include pieces of rice kernels which are less than three-fourth of a

whole kernel. The pieces of kernels, smaller than one-fourth of the whole kernels, shall be treated as

fragments.

3. Other rice shall consist of contrasting and/or inferior varieties of rice.

4. Green grains shall be the kernels, whole or broken, which are greenish in colour.

5. Red grains shall be the kernels, whole or broken, which have their surface coated with red bran.

6. Damaged, discoloured and chalky grains shall include rice kernels, broken, fragments or whole,

that are internally damaged or discoloured, materially affecting the quality. Chalky grains shall be the

grain at least half of which is milky white in colour and brittle in nature.