

COTTON (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1971

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1. Short title and application :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Cotton (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1971.
- (2) They shall apply to the varieties of cotton which are grown in India and which are specified in Schedule I.

2. Definitions :-

In these rules,-

- (1) "Schedule" means a Schedule annexed to these rules,
- (2) "False or fraudulent packing" means packing of a bale of cotton;
 - (a) in such a manner as to contain in different parts of the bale, cotton of different growths or varieties, or cotton of materially different staples, or cotton of different crops; or
 - (b) in such a manner as to contain in any part of the bale any bye-products such as waste, fly, or other bye-products of a cotton mill available after raw cotton is passed through the blow room; or
 - (c) in such a manner as to contain in any part of the bale any concealed substance other than raw cotton; or
 - (d) in such a manner as to contain interiorly cotton decidedly inferior to that upon the exterior and not readily detectable on the customary examination.

3. Grade designation and quality :-

- (1) The grade designations of the varieties of cotton specified in Schedule I shall be as specified in column 1 of Schedule II and the special characteristics and the general characteristics indicated by the grade designations shall be specified in columns 2 and 3 respectively of Schedule II.
- (2) The grade designations referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be applied only to cotton in full pressed bales.

4. 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") and resembling that set out in Schedule III.
- (2) The design and grade designation shall be of the following colour:

5. Method of marking :-

- (1) The grade designation mark shall be placed against one or the other of the flat sides of bale, shall be fixed to the hessian cloth rapper and shall be held securely in position by at least 3 hoops.
- (2) The grade designation mark shall clearly show the date of pressing, variety of cotton and place of growth (Block/District/State).
- (3) The affixing of the grade designation mark on an end hessian or an unlashed side of a bale shall not be deemed to fulfil the requirements of this rule.

6. Method of packings :-

- (1) The cotton shall be packed in bales in the manner customary in the trade.
- (2) There shall be no false or fraudulent packing of the bales.

