

COTTON SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

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COTTON SEEDS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely.

1. Short title, application and commencements :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Cotton Seeds Grading and Marking Rules, 1982.
- (2) They shall apply to cotton seeds produced in India.
- (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

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) "Authorised packer" means a person or a body of persons who has been granted a Certificate of Authorisation by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser for getting the commodity graded and agmarked in accordance with grade standards and procedure prescribed under the rules;
- (4) "Certificate" means Certificate of Authorisation.

3. Grade designation :-

The grade designation to indicate quality of the cotton seeds shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedule I.

4. Definition of quality :-

The quality indicated by the grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 8 of Schedule I.

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 figure of the rising sun with the words "Produce of India") and resembling the mark as set out in Schedule II.

6. Method of marking :-

- (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (2) In addition to the grade designation, the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label :-
 - (a) Date of packing;
 - (b) Lot number;
 - (c) Net weight, and
 - (d) Any other particulars, as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser from time to time.
- (3) The 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 a quality or grade of Cotton Seed different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

7. Method of packing :-

(1) Cotton seeds shall be packed in new B-Twill jute bags or any other type of container and in such capacity and in such manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(2) Packaging material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus contamination and insect infestation and obnoxious smell.

(3) Each package shall contain seeds of the same variety and of the same grade designation.

(4) Each package shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

SCHEDULE 1

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(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designation and definition of quality of Cotton Seeds
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_____ Grade \ \Special characteristics \ \ \ _____
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dead seeds _____
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4.0 1.0 6.0 10.0 (1) be obtained from the plant of Gossypium species; III 5.0 4.0 6.0 1.5 10.0 10.0 (2) be well developed, mature, clean and colour; \ \ \ (4) be free from dirt, obnoxious smell, deleterious substances, insect infestation, visible mould attack \ \ \ and rodent cc Special Characteristics.
DEFINITIONS : 1. Foreign matter : Shall be stones, lumps of earth, straw, chaff, stems, any other edible or non- edible seeds or any othe seeds which are internally damaged or discoloured or broken mateially affecting the quality. 3. Immature, Shrivelled and dead seeds: Sha Dead shall be those seeds which can easily be crushed, if crushed between two fingers. 4. Weevilled seeds : Shall be seeds which are whi Shall be the seeds with adhered fuzz or short lint.

SCHEDULE 2

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(See rule 5) Grade designation mark .
