

CASTOR SEED GRADING AND MARKING RULES 1982

CASTOR SEEDS GRADING AND MARKING RULES Short title, application and commencement:- 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (1) (2) (2) These rules may be called the Castor Seeds Grading and Marking Rules, 1982. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in Official Gazette. 6. 7. 57 Method of Castor Seeds shall be Definitions:- In these rules unless the context (2) (3) (4) packed in a sound B-twill jute bag or any other type of container and in such capacity and manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. Packing material shall be clean and dry free from fungus contamination, insect infestation and obnoxious smell. Each package shall contain Castor Seeds of the same variety and of the same grade designation. Each container shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural marketing Adviser. (1) (2) (3) (4) otherwise requires; "Agricultural marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India; "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules; "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; "Certificate means Certificate of Authorisation. Method of marking:- (I) The grade designation Grade designations:- The grade designations to indicate the quality of the Castor Seeds shall be as set out in column I of the Schedule-I Definition of quality:- The quality indicated by the grade designation shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 9 of schedule-I. 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 (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (3) mark shall be securely affixed to each package in manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. In addition to the grade designation mark the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label and/or container : date of packing; lot number, net weight; and any other particulars, as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser from time to time. 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 Castor seeds different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules. Grade designation 1 1 Definitions; SCHEDULE- 1 (See rules 3 and 4) Grade designations and definition of quality of Castor Seeds Definition of quality Special characteristics Percent by weight (Maximum) Foreign matter 2 2.0 6.0 Damaged discoloured seeds 3 5.0 10.0 15.0 Immature Broken seeds shrivelled and dead Other Weevilled oil seeds seeds seeds 4 2.0 4.0 6.0 Moisture 8 7.0 General characteristics 9 Castor seeds shall; 5 0.5 2.0 5.0 6 0.5 1.0 2.0 7 1.0 2.0 4.0 7.0 7.0 (1) be obtained from the plant botanically known as *Ricinus communis* Linn. (2) be well developed, mature, clean dry and free from dirt smell, obnoxious deleterious 1. 2. 3. 4. 5

6. Foreign matter Damaged und discoloured Immature shriveled and dead seeds Broken seeds Other oilseeds Weevilled seeds substance, insect infestation and rodent contamination except to the extent indicated under special characteristics; (3) not show any visible signs of mould attack; and (4) be reasonably uniform in shape, size and colour. shall be leaves, stems, stones, straw, chaff, lumps of earth and any other extraneous matter. damaged shall be the seeds which are internally damaged or discoloured materially affecting the quality. shall be the seed which are imperfectly developed and shrunk. Dead seeds shall be those seeds which can be easily crushed between two fingers. shall be the seeds which are broken in two halves lengthwise. shall be the oilseeds other than castor seeds. shall be the seeds which are wholly or partly bored or eaten by the weevils. 58 SCHEDULE-11 (See rule 3) Grade designation mark AGMARK (Published in the Gazette of India, Part-11, Section 3 (i) under G.S.R. 909 dated 30-10-1982) 59