

DRIED EDIBLE MUSHROOMS GRADING AND MARKING RULES 1972

DRIED EDIBLE MUSHROOMS GRADNG AND MARKING RULES Short title and application.—(1) These rules may be called Dried Edible Mushrooms Grading and Marking Rules, 1972. (2) They shall be app*ly to dried edible mushrooms Of the varieties produced in India. 2.: Definitionsa—In these rules:—gricultural Marketing Adviser" (1) means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India; (2) "Mushroom" means mushroom; (3) m Schedule" means appended Qo these rules

3. Grade designationa—dried edible a Schedule The grade designations to indicate the quality of dried edible mushrooms shall be as set out in column 2 of Schedule I

4. Definition of quality.—The quality indicated by the respective grade designatibns shall be as set out against each grade deSignation in columns 3 to 6 and the general characteristics applicable to all the grades as, set out in column 7 of Schedules I

5. Grade designation mark.—The grade designation mark shall consist of a label specTying the grade designation and bearing a design, (consisting of an outline map of India with the word "AGMARK" and the figures of the rising sun, with the words "Produce of Indian and ("qrGfN) resembling the one as set out in Schedule 11

6. Method of marking.—(1) The grade designation mark label shall be securely amxed to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser and shall clearly show the following particulars namely:— (a) Commodity and grade designation. (b) Net weight. (c) Date and place of packing. (2) 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 approved by the said Officer or an Officer authorised by him in this behalf, provided that the private trade mark does not ./2005 represent quality or grade of edible mushrooms different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules. 7, Method of Only strong, sound, clean and dry and durable containers, as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Advisor shall be used for packing. They shall be free from aray insect .or fungus infestation and shall also be free from any undesirable odour. (2) The containers shall be securely closed and sealed in such manner as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Advisor. (3) Each package shall contain only dried edible mushroom of the varieties mentioned in Schedule I

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 special conditions shall be the observed by packers to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser namely:— (a) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for dried edible mushrooms as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. (b) An authorised packer shall provide all facilities to the Inspecting Officer duly authorised by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser for sampling, testing and such other matters as may be iecessary . in connection with grading and Agmarking of dried edible mushrooms

9. Fumigation.—If an Agmarked dried edible mushroom consignment is exported by •land or water route, then it shall be necessary to get the consignment fumigated at exporters' cost within 15 days of actual export through the authorised ftmigation agencies duly supported by a Fumigation Certificyte issued by the said agency. For consignment of dried edible mushroom sent by air, fumigation may be voluntary. 33
SCHEDULE 1 (See Rules 3 and 4) Grade designations gad definition of quality of dried edible mushrooms (Gucch) (black Indian morels) of the botanical varicties Morchall esculent', Morchell auqusticeps and Morcbella conica. Sl. Grade design- No. i nation Maximum Length of Tail (stalk) In cms Special characteristics Maximum (O) broken (4) 5.0 5.0 5.0 5.0 Percentage weight Pieces (d) (5) 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 General characteristics by Foreign (1) 1 2 3 4 5. 6. (2) Extra . Special Standard General (Sani bag/pockets) clipped quality. Tails (a) B.s. Grade (b) 0.5 1.2 2.5 5.0 Matter (e) (6) 25 2.5 2.5 2.5 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (7) The produce shall be frlly dried and shall not contain moisture in excess of 12 percent by weight The produce shall be free from sand bags, stones, sand, mud, etc. The produce shall be free from varieties of Mushrooms other than the three varieties mentioned in the heading of this Schedule. The produce shall be free from apparently visible insects, mould, etc. The produce shall have characteristic flavour of edible mushroom and shall be free from off-flavour and the produce shall be of the current havest yair unless

specifically mentioned otherwise. Tolerance.- Dried edible mushroom having a maximum tail length prescribed for the next lower grade shall be allowed upto a maximum of 5 per cent by weight (8) Tail.- Means stalk of dried edible mushroom above the sand-bags and sand-pocket above the root. B.S. Grade — Means the produce which does not conform to any of the grades 1 to 6 in this schedule but is in accordance with the specifications of the importer (buyer) contained in a firm order (Firm Order an order given by an importer abroad to an exporter in India which is accompanied by letter of Credit or to her documentary evidence to show that the exporter has received an order or a grade of Credit edible mushroom different in specifications to the Agrimark grades) Broken.- Means heads which have lost more than one-fourth of the but are larger than the pieces. (Head means the honey-combed conical or sinaped structure above the stalk or the tail of edible mushroom). Pieces.- Means pieces of head of any of the above three varieties of mushrooms measure less than 0.5 cm. in length. Foreign matter.- Means stones, splinters, mud and any other organic or inorganic foreign matter Sand bags pockets. — Means the bottom portion of the stalk usually filled With earth or sand. Unravel year — Means the year beginning from 1st April and ending on 31 March coinciding with the Export year beginning from 1st April and ending on 31 March each SCHEDULE 11 (See Rule 5) Design for the grade designation mark {picture as depicted on page 14 (Schedule- I)} 34

