

HIDES GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. **Short title and application.-** (1) These rules may be called the Hides Grading and Marking Rules, 1937 (2) They shall apply to hides produced in India.
mark shall be indicated by 2,3 or 4 holes of ¼” diameter, representing AB or C grades respectively.
2. **Grade designation.-** Grade designations to indicate the quality of hides (kids, buffaloes and calves) are set out in column 1 of Schedule-I.
each hide at the root of the tail at a distance of ¼ “ from each other and shall be arranged as shown in Schedule II. A lead seal bearing the word AGMARK on one side
3. **Definition of quality.-** The quality indicated by such grade designation is set out against such designations, in columns 2 to 11 of Schedule I.
namely H, M, L, or C, as the case may be, on the other, shall be secured to each hide by a piece of twine tag which should be passed through all the holes. The place of packing shall also be indicated on the lead seal in code letters.
4. **Grade designation marks.-** The grade designation marks shall be indicated by 2,3 or 4 holes of ¼” diameter, representing AB or C grades respectively.
5. **Method of marking.-** The holes shall be punched on each hide at the root of the tail at a distance of ¼ “ from each other and shall be arranged as shown in Schedule II. A lead seal bearing the word AGMARK on one side

SCHEDULE I

(See Rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality for hides (kids, buffaloes and calves) produced in India

Definition of quality

Special characteristics respecting state or condition

Grade Designation	Constitutional	Branding Iron marks	Hair side Pox, scab, sores and skin disease marks	Marks due to external injuries	Scratches
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.	Hides from young or middle aged animal with no rib marks or signs of emaciation.	Not allowed	No pox, score or marks of skin diseases allowed but one small scab and a small sore may be allowed if not on the butt.	Not allowed	One small superficial scratch not affecting grain allowed if within 4 inches of the outer edge of the neck or belly portion only.
B.	Slight rib marks allowed	Not more than one brand mark allowed which may only be on the belly neck or cheek.	No pox or skin disease marks allowed. Two small scabs or sores allowed if not on the butt. In the case of kids and buffalo hides these may be on the butt provided they are within 2 inches of the line of the spine.	Permitted on belly \$	Superficial scratches not affecting the grain allowed.
C**	Rib marks freely allowed	At least, one half of the hide shall be free from brand marks,	At least half the hide shall be unaffected.	Allowed if On neck belly or b e l	Reasonably free from deep scratches.

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SCHEDULE I cont.

General characteristics

Flesh side			Trimmed weight prior to curing		
Flayer's marks and Cuts	Warbles and warble holes*	State or condition	Weight groups	Limits of weight Buffalo hides	Ki
7	8	9	10	11	12
No deep cuts allowed. Not more than 4 shallow cuts other than on the butt permitted.\$	One open and not more than 3 blind warbles allowed.	They hides shall be reasonably clean and free from flesh, fat and extraneous matter. Horns, ears, feet (from above the fetlocus) and tail (beyond 4 inches) shall be removed.			
Shallow cuts allowed and one deep cut allowed If not on the butt.	Not more than 5 open and 8 blind warbles allowed.	Do.	Heavy (H)	60 lb. and over.	28 lb. and over
18 to 28lb.			Medium (M)	40 to 60 lb.	
Shallow cuts allowed a reasonable number of deep cuts or holes permitted if not on the butt.	Not more than 10 open and a reasonable number or blind warbles allowed	Do.	Light (L)	25 to 40 lb.	8 to 18
			Calf (C)	under 25 lb.	Under 8

* Warble holes are holes or spots which can be opened with a blunt skewer.

! Shallow cuts are cuts not exceeding one-fourth of the thickness of the hide.

**Bull hides weighing over 12 lb. shall not be graded higher than C. Young bull hides up to 12 lb. may be placed in B grades but not in A. \$ In the case of heavy and medium weight buffaloes only "One sore or cut mark on the hair of flesh side within two inches of the spine" may be permitted.,

SCHEDULE- II

(See Rule 5)

Grade designation marks for hides and the method of marking

