

MAHUA SEED GRADING AND MARKING RULES 1982

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5. Short title, application and commencement.

7. Method of Marking (i) (ii) (iii) These rules may be called the Mahua Seed Grading and Marking Rules, 1982. They shall apply to the Mahua Seed produced in India. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. Definitions:- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires;- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) "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 the grade standards and procedure prescribed under the rules; "Certificate" means Certificate of Authorisation.

(1) (2) (a) (b) (3) (a) (b) (c) (d) (4) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural marketing Adviser. In addition to the grade designation, the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label : Date of Packing : Lot Number : Each container shall have indelibly marked on it the following details : Lot Number. Name and address of packer. 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 manner approved by the said officer, provided that the private trade mark does not represent a quality or grade of Mahua seed different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules. Grade Designation:- The grade designations to indicate the quality of Mahua Seed shall be as set out in columns of Schedule I. Definitions of quality:- The quality indicated by the grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 7 of Schedule. Grade designation mark:- The grade designation mark shall consist of a label specifying the grade designation and bearing a design consisting of outline map of India with the word "AGMARK" and figure of the rising sun with the words "Produce of India" and "qx:frq resembling the mark as set out in Schedule 11. Method of packing:- (1) Mahua seed shall be packed (2) (3) (4) in sound jute bag or any other type of container and of capacity and in such manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. Packing material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus and insect attack and obnoxious smell. Each package shall contain Mahua seed of one grade designation only. Each package shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner proscribed by the Agricultural marketing Adviser. 50 Grade designation 1 11 111 SCHEDULE (See rules 3 and 4) Grade designations and definitions of quality of Mahua seed produced in India Definition of quality Special characteristics Colour 2 Redish yellow or yellowish brown or light brown Dark Brown Dark BV Own Foreign matter, percent by weight (Maximum) 3 2.0 4.0 6.0 Damaged, slightly damaged and weevilled seeds, per cent by weight (Maximum) 4 4.0 10.0 15.0 Broken and fragments per cent by weight (Maximum) 5 2.0 6.0 10.0 Moisture, per cent by weight (Maximum) 6 6.0 -6.0 6.0 General Characteristics 7 Mahua seed Shall be : (1) the cotyledons obtained after decorticating the seeds from the fruit borne on the tree *Madhuca indica* J.F. Gmelin, syn, *Madhuca latifolia* (Roxb) Macbride or *Madhuca longifolia* (kooing) Macbride, belonging to the family Sapotaceae. (2) Wholesome, free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, deleterious substances and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule. (3) have uniform shape, size and colour. Definitions . Foreign matter Damaged seeds Slightly damaged seeds Weevilled seeds Broken fragments shall include dust stones, lumps of earth or leaves, any other edible or non-edible seeds shall be the seeds which are damaged mechanically or by mould or those showing internal discolouration or seeds materially affecting the quality shall be the seeds that are superficially damaged or discoloured, damaged and discolouration not materially affecting the quality shall be those seeds which are partially or wholly bored or eaten by weevils or other insects. shall include those seeds which are less than three-fourth but more than one-fourth of a whole seed. shall include those seeds which are less than one-fourth of a whole seed. 51 SCHEDULE-11 (See rule 5) Grade designation mark AGMARK (Published in the Gazette of India, Part-11, Section 3 (ii) under S.O. 2648 Dated 24-7-1982) 52