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5. Short title, application and commencement (1) These rules may be called the Sunflower Seeds Grading and Marketing Rules, 1982.(2) They shall apply to sunflower seeds produced in India. (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. Definitions In these rules, unless the context 6

7. Method of marking :- (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved 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 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. (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (3) In addition to the grade designation the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label; 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 any, 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 Sunflower Seeds different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules. Method of packing (1)Sunflower seeds shall be Grade designation :- The grade designation to indicate the quality of the Sunflower seeds shall be as set out in column I of schedule I Definition 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 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 "AGMRK" and figure of the rising sun with the words produce of India and "RRtrq resembling the marks as set out in Schedule 11. (2) (3) (4) packed in new B-twll 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. Packing material shall be clean and dry. Free from fungus contamination and insect infestation and obnoxious smell. Each package shall contain Sunflower seeds of the same variety and of the same grade designation Each package shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. 44 SCHEDULE (See rules 3 & 4) Grade designations and definitions of quality of Sunflower Seeds Grade designation 1 1 111 Definitions: Definition of quality Special characteristics Per cent by weight (Maximum) Damaged Immature, Weevilled shrivelled seeds Foreign matter 2 2.0 4.0 6.0 3 2.0 4.0 6.0 and dead seeds 4 010.0 15.0 25.0 5 0.5 1.0 1.0 Moisture content 6 5.0 5.0 5.0 General characteristics 7 The Sunflower seeds shall: (a) be obtained from the plant botanically known as *Helianthus annuus* Linn; (b) be well developed mature clean dry, free from dirt, obnoxious smell, deleterious substances infestation and rodent contamination except to the extent provided under special characteristics (c) be reasonably uniform in shape, size and colour ; (d) not show any visible sign of mould attack. 1. 2. 3

4. Foreign matter : shall be stones, lumps of earth, straw, chaff, stems, any other edible or non-edible seeds of any other manner: Damaged seeds : shall be the seeds are internally damaged or discoloured or broken, affecting free quality.Immature, shrivelled and dead seeds: shall be the seeds not properly developed and/or shrunken, Dead seeds shall be those seeds which can easily be crushed, if crushed between two fingers. Weevilled seeds : shall be those seeds which are wholly or partly bored or by the weevils. 45 SCHEDULE-11 (See rule 5) Grade designation mark AGMARK (Published in the Gazette of India, Part-11, Section 3 (i) under G.S.R.-86, dated 22-1-1980) 46