

TENDU (BIDI WRAPPER) LEAF GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. **Short title and application .-** (1) These Rules may be called the Tendu (Bidi Wrapper) leaf Grading and Marking rules, 1963.
 package shall be clearly marked with such particulars as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
 (2) They shall apply to Tendu (bidi Wrapper) leaf obtained from the tree of *Diospyrus melanoxylon*, grown in India.
2. **Definitions.-In these rules:-**
 - (a) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India.
 - (b) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules.
3. **Grade designation.** - The grade designations to indicate the quality of Tendu leaf shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedules II.
4. **Quality.** - The quality indicated by grade designation shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 5 of Schedule II.
5. **Grade designation mark.** - The grade designation mark to be affixed to each package shall consist of a label bearing the design set out in Schedule I specifying the grade designation.
6. **Method of marking.** - (1) The grade designation mark label shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
7. **Method of packing.-**
 - (1) Only sound and clean jute gunny or such other materials as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser shall be used for packing, and the packing material shall be free from any insect infestation or fungus contamination or from any undesirable smell.
 - (2) The packages shall be securely closed and sealed in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
 - (3) Each package shall contain Tendu (Bidi Wrapper) leaf of one grade designation only.
 - (4) Tendu leaves shall be packed in a package of customary weight and tare as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

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SCHEDULE II

(See Rules 3 and 4)

Grade designation and definition of quality of
Tendu leaf

Grade designation	Colour	Texture	Size, shape, body and condition	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
Fancy	Greenish or Greenish white	Medium texture	20.3 Cm x 10.2 and above. Good body leaves, free from hairs, mould, dirt and holes, with depressed and few veins. Soft but not too dry or brittle.	May contain 10% of leaves of grade "Extra Special."
Extra special	Greenish White or Greenish Yellow.	Medium texture	17.8 Cm x 7.6 and above. Good body leaves, free from hairs, mould, dirt and holes, with depressed veins. Soft but not too dry or brittle.	May contain 20% of leaves of grade "Good" and 5% of lower dimension leaves of other grades.
Special	Greenish white or Greenish Yellow	Medium texture	Mixed sizes and shapes. Good body leaves, free from hairs, mould, dirt and holes, with depressed veins. Soft but not too dry or brittle.	May contain 20% of leaves of "Grade Good".
Gold	Dull Green to reddish Brownish tinge	Fair of thick texture	15.2 Cm x 7.6 and above. Body of leaves, semi coarse to coarse slightly hairy or velvety with slightly prominent veins. Mould, blemish and holes together not exceeding 5% of the total area. Soft but not too brittle.	Should contain at least 20% of leaves of grade "Extra special" and may contain upto 10% of leave of grade.
Standard	Dark Green to Reddish/ brownish	Thick Texture	15.2 Cm x 7.6 and above. Course body leaves, hairy or velvet with slightly prominent veins, mould, blemish and holes together not exceeding 5% of the total area, Soft but not too brittle.	Should contain at least 20% leaves of grade "Good" May contain up to 10% leave of of Grade "Fair".
Fair	Brownish to reddish Brown	Thick Texture	15.2 Cm x 7.6 cm and above. Body of leaves, coarse hairy and velvety with Prominent veins. Mould, blemish and holes together not exceeding 20% of the total area. Soft But not too brittle	Should contain at least 20% of leaves of Grade "Standard". May contain up to 10% leaves of "General".
General	Mixed colour	Mixed texture	Mixed sizes and shapes, mixed body leaves, hairy and velvety, with prominent veins, uneven or wrinkled surface. Mould blemish and holes together not exceeding 30% of the total area	Should contain at least 20% leaves of Grade "Fair".