

RAW CASHEW NUT GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. Short title, application and commencement :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Raw Cashewnut Grading and Marking Rules, 1980
- (2) They shall apply to Raw Cashew nut (*Anacardium occidentale* L) produced in India.
- (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

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 ;
- (c) "Authorised packer" means a person or a body of persons who has been issued a certificate of authorisation under rule 3 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1937, in relation to Raw Cashew nuts.

3. **Grade designation :-** The grade designation to indicate the quality of raw Cashew nuts shall be as set out in column I of Schedules II and III.

4. **Definition of quality :-** The characteristics of the quality indicated by the respective grade designation shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 7 of schedules II and III

5. **Grade designation mark :-** (1) The grade designation mark in case of Raw Cashewnuts shall consist of a label specifying the grade designation and bearing a design (consisting of an outline map of India with the word AGMARK and the figure of the rising sun, with the words "Produce of India" and **Hkkjrh; mRikn** resembling the one as set out in Schedule I.

6. **Method of marking :-** (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser and shall clearly show the following particulars, namely :-

- (a) The serial number of the lot ;
- (b) Date of packing;
- (c) Net weight ;

(d) Name of the packer ;

(e) Place of packing ;

(f) Any other particulars as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(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 ;

Provided that, the private trade mark does not represent quality or grade of Raw Cashewnut different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

7 Method of packing :-

(1) Raw Cashew nuts shall be packed in sound, clean and dry containers made of jute or any other material as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. They shall be free from any insect infestation of fungus contamination and also free from any undesirable smell.

(2) The containers shall be securely closed and sealed in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(3) Each package shall contain Raw Cashew nuts of one grade designation only.

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 observed by the authorised packers to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, namely :-

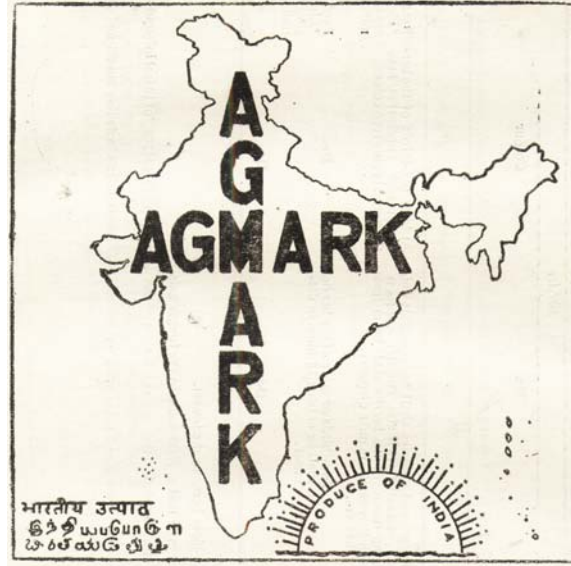
(1) An authorised packer shall make such arrangements for testing Raw Cashew nuts, as may be prescribed from time to time, by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(2) An authorised packer shall provide all such facilities to the Inspecting Officers duly authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser in this behalf, for sampling testing and such other matters as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

SCHEDULE-I

(See rule -5)

Design for the Grade Designation Mark



SCHEDULE II
(See rules 3 and 4)

Grade designations and definition of quality of Raw Cashew nuts produced in Kerala and Maharashtra State

Grade designation	Definition of quality						General Characteristics
	Special Characteristics					Moisture per cent by weight Maximum	
	Number of nuts per Kg. Maximum	Void nuts per cent by weight Maximum	Immature nuts per cent by weight Maximum	Damaged and discolored nuts per cent by weight Maximum			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Extra Special	100	Nil	Nil	Nil	12.0	1. Raw Cashew nuts shall be the dried ripe nuts of Anacardium occidentale L. grown in Kerala and Maharashtra State.	
Special	150	1.0	2.0	2.0	12.0	2. The raw Cashew nuts shall :- (a) have the shape colour and other characteristics of the variety ; (b) be well dried and mature. (c) be free from any musty odour, (d) be reasonably free from extraneous matter, and (e) be free from mould, diseases decayed nuts and insect attack except to the extent as specified under column 5.	
Good	160	2.0	3.0	3.0	12.0		
Fair	180	3.0	5.0	5.0	12.0		

Extraneous Matter : Includes stones, dust, dirt's parts of dried fruits and leaf, etc.

Void nuts : nuts in which there are no kernels.

Immature nuts : the nuts, the kernels of which are not properly developed and/or shriveled.

Damaged and discolored nuts : the nuts containing discolored kernel, decayed, diseased and broken nuts or mechanical injury, materially affecting the quality.

SCHEDULE III

(See rules 3 and 4)

Grade designation and definition of quality of Raw Cashew nuts produced in other State

Grade designation	Definition of quality					
	special Characteristics				General Characteristics	
	Number of nuts per Kg. Maximum	Void nuts per cent by weight Maximum	Immature nuts per cent by weight Maximum	Damaged and discolored nuts per cent by weight Maximum	Moisture per cent by weight Maximum	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Special	160	1.0	2.0	2.0	12.0	1. Raw Cashew nuts shall be dried ripe nuts of Anacardium occidentale L. grown in the States other than Kerala and Maharashtra.
Good	180	2.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	2. The Raw Cashew nuts shall :-
Fair	210	3.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	(a) have the shape, color and other characteristics of the variety, (b) be well dried and mature, (c) be free from any musty odour, (d) be reasonably free from extraneous matter, and (e) be free from mould, disease decayed nuts and insect attack except to the extent as specified under column 5.

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