

TAMARIND SEEDS AND POWDER GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. **Short title application and commencement :-** (1). These Rules may be called the Tamarind Seeds and Powder Grading and Marking rules, 1983.
(2) They shall apply to the Tamarind Seeds and powder produced in India.
(3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Definitions.-** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires;-
(1) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India.
(2) " Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules;
(3) "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 Agmark in accordance with the grade standards and procedure prescribed under these rules;
(4) "Certificate" means Certificate of Authorisation.
3. **Grade designation:-** The grade designations to indicate the quality of Tamarind Seeds and Powder shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedule I and II.
4. **Definition of quality.-** The quality indicated by the grade designation shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 6 of the Schedule I and II.
5. **Grade designation Mark---** The grade designation mark shall consist of 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 resembling the mark as set out in Schedule III.
6. **Method of Packing .-** (i) Tamarind Seeds and Powder shall be packed in gunny bags or polythene bags or any other type of container and in such manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
(2) Packing material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus and insect attack and obnoxious smell.
(3) Each package shall contain the Tamarind seeds and Powder of the same grade designation.
(4) Each package shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
7. **Method of Marking .-** (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each case or package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
(2) In addition to the grade designation mark, the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label and/or container :-
(a) Date of packing;
(b) Net weight; and
(c) Any other particulars as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser from time to time.
(3) The 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 the private trade mark does not represent a quality or grade of the Tamarind Seeds and Powder different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.

SCHEDULE I

(See rules 3 and 4)

Grade designations and definition of quality of undecorticated and decorticated Tamarind Seeds

Grade designation	Definition of Quality				
	Special characteristics				General characteristics
	Extraneous matter, percent by weight (Maximum)	Damaged and discoloured, percent by weight (Maximum)	Weight, per liter in gms (Minimum)	Moisture, per cent by weight (Maximum)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special A	1.0 2.0	2.0 5.0	900.0 800.0	9.0 10.0	The Tamarind seeds :- (1) shall be obtained from the dried, ripe and mature fruits of <i>Tamarindus indica</i> ; (2) decorticated shall be obtained by removing black/ brown skin of the seeds and be white in colour; (3) under corticated shall be with brown/black seed coat; (4) Shall be free from live insect infestation, visible mould attack, rodent excreta, artificial coloring and polishing, obnoxious smell, deleterious substances and other impurities except to the extent provided under special characteristics.

Definitions :

- (1) Extraneous matter : shall consist of stones, dust dirt, parts of fruits such as rind, fibrous skeleton and/or any other foreign material.
- (2) Damaged and discolored : shall be the seeds, which are damaged or attacked by the insects, weevils mould and/or showing internal discoloration materially affecting the quality.

SCHEDULE II

(See rules 3 and 4)

Grade designations and definition of quality of Tamarind Seeds powder

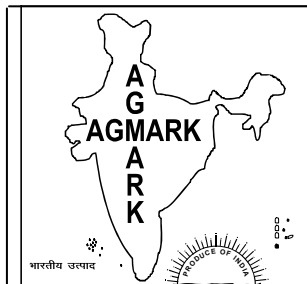
Grade Designation	Definition of Quality				
	Special characteristics				General characteristics
	Starch content, percent by Weight (Minimum)	Total ash,* per cent by weight (Maximum)	Acid insoluble ash, per cent by weight (Maximum)	Moisture, per cent by weight (Maximum)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special	55.0	3.0	0.5	9.0	The tamarind seed powder shall be:- 1. obtained by milling decorticated white tamarind seed of Tamarinds indica; 2. free from insect infestation, mould attack, insect, rodent, artificial coloring and polishing obnoxious odour and any other deleterious substances; and 3. the powder shall pass through 300 I.S. micron sieve and not more than 2% residue shall be left on the sieve.
A	40.0	3.0	0.5	11.0	

* on moisture-free basis.

SCHEDULE –III

(See Rule 5)

Grade designations mark



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