WILLIAM PEARS-GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. Short title and application.—(1) These rules may be called the William Pears (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1953.

2. The shall apply to William pears produced in any part of India.

3. Grade designations.—The grade designations to indicate the characteristics and quality of William Pears of specified description are set out in column 1 of Schedule I.

4. Definition of quality.—The definition of quality indicated by the grade designation is specified in columns 2 and 3 of Schedule I.

5. Grade designation marks.—The grade designation mark to be applied to each pear on container packed with pears shall consist of a label bearing the design as set out in Schedule II specifying the grade designation and will be of the following colour:

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<th>Grade designation</th>
<th>Colour of the Label</th>
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<tr>
<td>Extra large</td>
<td>White</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Black</td>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>Blue</td>
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6. Method of marking.—The grade designation mark label shall be securely affixed to each package of pears and shall clearly show the following particulars:

(a) Variety-William.
(b) Number.
(c) Net weight.
(d) Name and address of packing station, and
(e) Date of packing.

6. Method of packing.—

(1) Containers may be either returnable or non-returnable. They shall be clean and suitable for the purpose. All packages shall be securely closed.

(2) Packing material, if used, shall be clean and dry.

(3) Pears in any container shall be of William variety of one grade and reasonably uniform and the top layer shall be representative of the entire contents of the package in respect of variety, size, colour and freedom from defects.
**SCHEDULE I**
*(See Rules 2, 3 and 4)*
Grade designations and definition of quality for
"William" variety of pears produced in India

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<th>Grade designation</th>
<th>Size Minimum Millimeters</th>
<th>Definition of quality State or condition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Extra Large</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>1. Each fruit shall have reached a stage of maturity which will permit the subsequent completion or ripening in the ordinary course of transport and marketing.</td>
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<td>Large</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>2. Each fruit shall have developed the characteristic colour of the variety i.e. light greenish over 3/4 of the surface area of fruit &amp; there should be uniformity in colour throughout the pack.</td>
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<td>Medium</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>3. Each fruit shall have shape normal to the variety and be free from malformation.</td>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>4. Each fruit shall be firm, reasonably developed and in good condition. Washfalls and shrivelled fruits shall not be packed.</td>
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5. Each fruit shall be free from defects due to diseases or insects or mechanical injury affecting the keeping quality of the fruit.

6. Blemish not affecting the keeping quality is permitted to extent quality is permitted to the extent of 161 sq. mm in the case of Extra large grade and 323 sq. mm for the other grades, provided no single mark is larger than 81 sq. mm in the latter.

7. Light reselling dispersed over an aggregate area of 1/10th of the total surface and not affecting the internal quality of the fruit may be permitted.

8. The stalk shall be removed close to the fruit but not pulled out.

**Note:** A tolerance of 10 per cent shall be allowed for accidental error in grading in respect of fruit corresponding with the size specification in the next lower and or higher grade.

"Blemish" includes marks due to fungal diseases-insect pests, hailstorm, spray, etc. in which case the damaged skin has healed.

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**SCHEDULE II** *(See Rule 4)*
Grade designation mark for William Pears

{picture as depicted on page 14 (Schedule I)}