

## **BLENDED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS GRADING AND MARKING RULES**

### **1. Short title, application and commencement:-**

1. These rules may be called the Blended Edible Vegetable oils Grading and Marking Rules, 1991.
2. They shall apply to all blended edible vegetable oils.
3. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

### **2. Definitions :-**

In these rules unless/context otherwise requires –

- (1) “Agricultural Marketing Adviser” means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India
- (2) “Authorised packer” means person or a body of persons who has been granted a certificate of authorisation to grade and mark blended edible vegetable oils in accordance with the grade standards and procedure prescribed under these rules.
- (3) “Blended edible vegetable oil” means an admixture of any two edible vegetable oils of the quality and the proportion as specified in Schedule I
- (4) “Certificate of authorisation” means a certificate issued under the provision of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1988 authorizing a person or a body of persons to grade and mark the blended edible vegetable oils with the graded designation marks;
- (5) ‘Schedule’ means a schedule appended to these rules.

**3. Grade designation :-** The grade designations to indicate the quality of the blended edible vegetable oils shall be as set out in column (1) of schedule –I.

**4. 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

**5. Grade designation mark :-** The grade designation mark shall consist of :-

- (1) a label specifying name of the commodity, grade designation and bearing the design consisting of an outline map of India with the word ‘Agmark’ and the figure of rising sun resembling the one as set out in Schedule II; or
- (2) ‘Agmark replica’ consisting of a design incorporating the number of certificate of authorisation, the word ‘Agmark’ name of commodity and grade designation resembling the one specified in schedule- III:

Provided that the use of Agmark replica in lieu of Agmark labels shall be allowed only to such authorised packers who have been granted the permission by the Agricultural Marketing adviser or an officer authorised in this regard and subject to sub conditions as may be specified from time to time.

**6. Method of Packing :-**1) The blended edible oil shall be packed in new, sound and clean tins, sound and clean glass bottles or tetra packs or new sound and clean

container, in the form of bottles, jars, cans or pouches (laminated, extrusion, multilayer) made of food grade plastic materials.

Provided that the plastic container shall be manufactured out of food grades of plastic materials permitted under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.

(2)The containers shall be free from insect infestation, fungus contamination, rust, imparting colour or deleterious substances or any undesirable or obnoxious smell.

(3) Net Weight of blended edible oils when packed shall be in the standard sizes, namely, 100 gms, 200 gms, 500 gms, 1 Kg. 2 Kgs, and 5 Kgs. and volumetric packing up to one litre as permitted by the ministry of Civil Supplies.

(4)Each container shall be securely closed in the manner prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

### **7. Method of marking :-**

1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to or clearly and indelibly printed on each container as prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser ;

2)The packages of graded blended edible vegetable oil shall not be marked by any common or generic name of the oils used. Each package shall be prominently marked in bold letters with colour contrast to read:-  
**BLENDED EDIBLE VEGETABLE OILS.**

This blended edible vegetable oils contains an admixture of

- (i) -----% by weight
- (ii) -----% by weight

(Named and nature of edible vegetable oils. i.e. in raw or refined form)

Date of packing .....

In addition, following particulars shall be clearly and indelibly marked on each container,-

- (a) Name of the packer
- (b) Date of packing –
- (c) Place of packing –
- (d) Lot /Batch/Tank fill number –
- (e) Net weight.

(4) The authorised packer may, with the approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser or an officer authorised in this regard, mark his private marks or trade marks provided that the same do not indicate quality other than that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the graded packages.

**8. Special conditions for grant of Certificate of**

**Authorisation:** In addition of the general conditions specified in sub – rule (8) of rule 3 of the general Grading and marking rules, 1988 the following shall be the additional conditions for issue of Certificate of authorisation for grading and marking of the blended edible vegetable oils granted under these rules, namely :-

- (1) The certificate of authorisation shall be granted to a person or a body of persons authorised by the Ministry of Civil Suppliers of the Central Government or to the National Dairy Development Board established under the National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987 (37 of 1987) or to Co-operative Societies of oilseeds Growers or Unions or Federation thereof in various States and Union Territories set-up under the National Dairy Development Board's oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Project or to any public sector undertaking of the Central or the State Governments manufacturing edible oils;
- (2) The authorised packer shall either own machinery and equipment for expression and refining of the constituent vegetable edible oils or shall have appropriate arrangements for procurement of specified constituent vegetable oils of the prescribed quality;
- (3) The authorised packer shall set up in the authorised premises an oil grading laboratory fully equipped with all necessary chemicals and apparatus for testing the quality of vegetable oils prior to blending and as the quality of the blended oils;
- (4) The oil grading laboratory shall be manned by a qualified chemist approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser or an officer authorised by him in this behalf. However, Agricultural Marketing Adviser may if he considers necessary, provide the services of a Government chemist to an authorised packer. In such cases the authorised packer shall pay such charges as may be prescribed from time to time by the Central Government, towards the expenditure incurred in connection with the services of the chemist;
- (5) The premises for processing, blending and packing of edible oils shall be maintained in perfect hygienic and sanitary conditions and the personnel engaged in these operations shall be in sound health and free from any contagious disease;
- (6) The authorised packer shall provide all necessary facilities and assistance to the approved / Government chemist for carrying out the grading and marking of the blended edible oil under these rules;
- (7) The authorised packer shall maintain proper record of the individual constituent oils used for blending and the production of blends shall submit periodical returns to the Directorate of marketing and inspection in the prescribed proforma;
- (8) The authorised packer shall ensure that the grade blended edible vegetable oil is sold only in sealed packs and not in loose form.

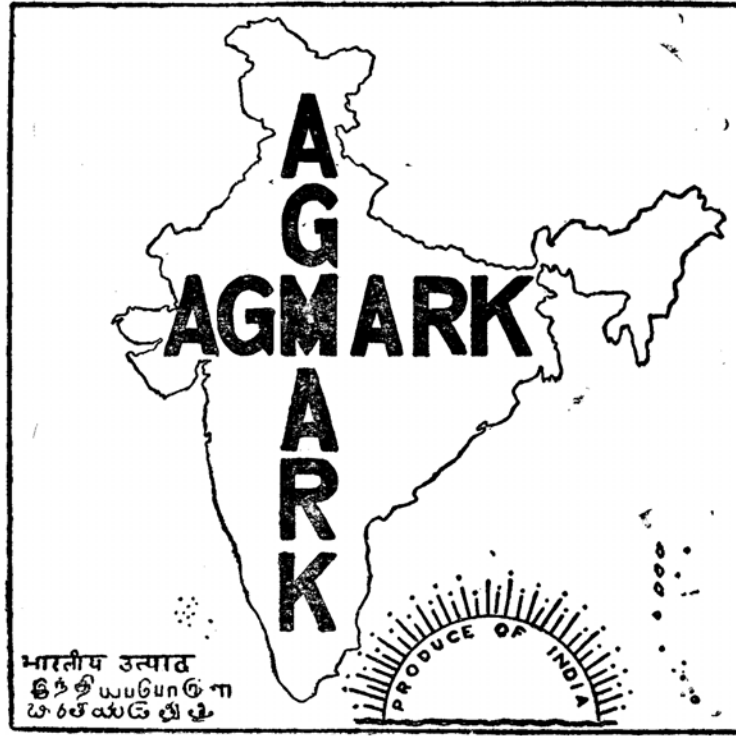
**SCHEDULE-I**

(See rules 3 and 4)

## Grade designations and definition of quality of Blended Edible Vegetable Oil.

| Grade Designation   | Special requirements   |   |                             |   |  | General requirements   |
|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
|                     | Description  | Moisture and volatile matter<br>Percent by Weight (not more than) | Acid value (not more than). | Unsaponifiable matter<br>Ter percent. by weight (not more than) | Flash point in deg. Celsius (by pensky martens closed cup method)<br>(Not less than) |  |
| 1                   | 2  | 3   | 4                           | 5   | 6  | 7  |
| 1. Refined Blend -A | The blend shall be the admixture of any two refined edible vegetable oils except Rice-brain oil where the proportion by weight of any of the individual oil used shall not be less than 20 percent   | 0.2   | 0.5                         | 1.5   | 250  | 1. The constituent oil in the blend shall conform to the relevant standards prescribed in under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.                                       |
| 2. Refined Blend-B  | The blend shall be the admixture of any one of refined edible vegetable oils with refined rice bran oil where proportion by weight of any of the two individual oils used shall not be less than 20 percent  | 0.2   | 0.5                         | 3.0   | 250  | 2. The blend shall be clear and free from rancidity, suspended or insoluble matter, or any other foreign matter, separated water, added coloring matter and flavouring substances. |
| 3. General Blend-A  | The blend shall be the admixture of any one of raw edible vegetable oils with any one of the refined edible vegetable oil excepting Rice-bran oil where the proportion by weight of any of the two individual oils used shall not be less than 20 percent. | 0.2   | 5.0                         | 1.5   | 250  | 3. The blend shall also be free from mineral oil, argemone oil castor oil or any other animal and non edible oils or fats.   |
| 4. General Blend-B  | The blend shall be the admixture of any one of raw edible vegetable Oils with refined rice bran oils where the proportion by weight of any of the two individual oils used shall not be less than 20 percent.  | 0.2   | 5.0                         | 3.0   | 250  | 4. The blend shall further be free from hydrocyanic acid and Tricresyl phosphate".   |
| 5. Standard Blend-A | The blend shall be the admixture of any two raw edible vegetable oils except Rice – bran oil where the proportion by weight of any of the two individual oils used shall not be less than 20 percent   | 0.2   | 6.0                         | 1.5   | 250  |  |

**SCHEDULE -II**  
(See Rule 5(1))  
Design of the Agmark Label



**SCHEDULE -III**  
(See rule 5(2))  
Design of Agmark Replica



NAME OF COMMODITY-Blended Edible Vegetable Oil.....

GRADE.....

**NOTE :** 1) Principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) date 31-10-91 vide G.S.R. 657(E)dated29/10/91.

2) First amendment published vide G.S.R. 422 (E) dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1992 appeared in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) dated 20-4-92 .

3) Second amendment published vide G.S.R. 163 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2002 appeared in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (i) dated 11.5.2002 .