

COTTON GRADING AND MARKING RULES

- 1. Short title and application.-** (1) These rules may be called the Cotton Grading & Marking Rules, 1971.
(2) They shall apply to the varieties of cotton which are grown in India and which are specified in Schedule I.
- 2. Definitions :-** In these rules:
(1) "Schedule" means a schedule annexed to these rules;
(2) False or fraudulent packing' means packing of a bale of Cotton;
(a) In such a manner as to contain in different parts of the bale, cotton of different growths or varieties, or cotton of materially different staples, or cotton of different crops; or
(b) in such a manner as to contain in any part of the bale any by-products such as waste, fly, or other by-products of a cotton mill available after raw cotton is passed through the blow room ; or
(c) in such a manner as to contain in any part of the bale any concealed substance other than raw cotton; or
(d) in such a manner as to contain interiorly cotton decidedly inferior to that upon the exterior and not readily detectable on the customary examination.
- 3. Grade Designation and quality .-** (1) The grade designations of the varieties of Cotton specified in Schedule I shall be as specified in column I of Schedule II and the special characteristics and the general characteristics indicated by the grade designations shall be specified in column 2 and 3 respectively of Schedule II.
(2) The grade designation referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be applied only to cotton in full pressed bales.
- 4. Grade Designation marks .**-(1) The grade designation mark shall consist of a label specifying the grade designation and bearing a design consisting of an outline map of India with the work" AGMARK" and the figure of the rising sun with the words" produce of India" and "Hkkjrh; mRikn" resembling that set out in Schedule III.
(2) The design and grade designation shall be of the following colour :-
- | Grade designation | Color of designation and Lettering of label |
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| Agmark Certified Pedigreed | Red |
| Agmark Certified | Black |
- 5. Method of Marking:-** (1) The grade designation marks shall be placed against one or the other of the flat sides of bale, shall be fixed to the hessian cloth wrapper and shall be held securely in position by at least 3 hoops.
(2) The grade designation mark shall clearly show the date of pressing, variety of cotton and place of growth (Block/District/State.)
(3) The affixing of the grade designation mark on an end hessian or an unlashed side of a bale shall not be deemed to fulfil the requirements of this rule.
- 6. Method of packing.-**(1) The cotton shall be packed in bales in the manner customary in the trade.
(2) There shall be no false or fraudulent packing of the bales.

SCHEDULE I

(See rules 1 (2) and 3)

List of varieties of cotton approved for Agmarking

1. A. 51-9 (Narmada)
2. Adonicum
3. AK-235
4. AK-277
5. Andrews (Extra long stapples)
6. Badnawar I (C.T.I. 4-27)
7. Buri 147
8. Buri 0394
9. C. Indore-I
10. C. Indore-2
11. Coconandas-2
12. Deviraj (170-C02)
13. Ganganagar I
14. Gaorani 6
15. Gaorani 12
16. Gaorani 22
17. Gaorani46
18. Gujrat-67
19. H. 14
20. Hybrid-4
21. Jayadhar
22. K-2
23. K-5
24. K-6
25. Kalyan
26. Laxmi
27. LL. 54
28. L.S : S.
29. M.A. 5.
30. Maljari
31. M.C.U. 1
32. M.C.U. 2
33. M.C.U. 3 (9030-G)
34. N-14
35. Parbhani American I
36. Raniben.
37. Sanjay
38. Selection 69
39. Sulti-Vijalpa.
40. Suyodhar.
41. V. 797
42. Vijay & Digvijay
43. Virnar (including Jarila)
44. Western I
45. 35/1
46. 134-Co2-M
47. 170-Co2
48. 216 -F
49. 231-R
50. 320-F
51. Bharathi *
52. Buri-1007
53. Digvijai
54. G-27
55. Hampi

56. H-420
57. Khandwa-I
58. Khandwa-II
59. J.34
60. Krishna
61. MCU-4
62. MCU-5
63. Mysore-14
64. Pramukh
65. PRS 72
66. Raichur-51
67. Sea Island Andrews
68. Sujata
69. Varalakshmi
70. Y I
71. Sujay 3943
72. SRT-I
73. DHY 286
74. AKH-4
75. Mysore Vijaya
76. Bhagya
77. MCU –6
78. K-7
79. K-8
80. Suvin
81. CBS-156
82. H. 655
83. H-777
84. Pramukh
85. SH-131
86. Lohit
87. Shyamlee

SCHEDULE II

(See Rule 3)

Grade designation	Definition of Quality (for the varieties of Cotton included in Schedule I)	
	Special Characteristics	General Characteristics
(1)	(2)	(3)
Agmark Certified Pedigreed (Red Label)	(a) Shall be the product derived from kapas (seed cotton indicated in Schedule I grown on a Government farm or by a registered seed grower licensed by the appropriate Government department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the purpose and which had been derived from pure seed supplied by a Government Department or by any other agency to be resigned by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the purpose and crop of which shall have been inspected and recognized wherever necessary and duly certified by the appropriate Government Department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural marketing Adviser to the Government of India, for the purpose as being at least 98% pure: and	(a) Shall consist of lint (in full pressed bales obtained by machine ginning of the kapas:- (b) shall be clean and reasonably free from leaf, seed, stain or other imperfections; (c) shall be dry and free from a trace added moisture.

- (b) Shall have been ginned and pressed under direct supervision of the appropriate Government Department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the purpose.

SCHEDULE II (contd.)

(a)	(2)	(3)
Agmark Certified (Black Label) (a)	<p>Shall be the product derived from kapas (seed cotton) indicated in Schedule I grown on a Government farm or by a registered seed grower licensed by the appropriate Government Department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the purpose and which had been derived from pure seed supplied by a Govt. seed department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the purpose and the crop of which shall have been inspected in the field and duly certified by the appropriate Govt. department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, for the purpose as being at least 98% pure; and</p>	<p>(a) Shall consist of lint (in full pressed bales) obtained by machine ginning of kapas.</p> <p>(b) Shall be clean and reasonably free from leaf, seed, stain or other imperfection.</p> <p>(C) Shall be dry and free from any trace of added moisture.</p>
	<p>(b) shall have been ginned and pressed under the direct supervision of the appropriate Government Department or by any other agency to be recognized by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India for the Purpose.</p>	

SCHEDULE III

(See Rule 4)

Grade designation mark for cotton



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**The varieties from Sr. No. 72 to 87 included to the schedule vide Notification No. F. 10,-1/79-AM dated the 12th June, 1980 S.O. No. 1737 Gazette of India Pt. II Section 3 (ii) dated 28-6-1980.