

DRIED TAMARIND AND POWDER GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. Short title application and Commencement :-

- (1) These Rules may be called the Dried Tamarind Grading and Marking Rules, 1983.
- (2) They shall apply to Dried Tamarind 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 Agmarked in accordance with the grade standards and procedure prescribed under these rules;
- (4) "Certificate" means Certificate of Authorisation.

3. Grade designations:- The grade designation to indicate the quality of Dried Tamarind shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedule I.

4. Definition of Quality.- The quality indicated by the grade designation shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 7 of Schedule I.

5. Grade designation Marks.--- The grade designation mark shall consist of label specifying the grade designation and bearing a design consisting of an out line map of India with the word **AGMARK** and the figure of the rising sun with the word "Produce of India" and resembling the mark as set out in Schedule II.

6. Method of Packing :-

- (1) Dried Tamarind shall be packed in polythene bags, gunny bags, bamboo baskets, wooden

boxes, card board boxes, mats, with or without lining or any other type of container as may be specified /approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser and in such manner as may be specified/ approved from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. Tamarind may also be packed in small packets and such packets may be packed in bigger containers.

- (2) Packing material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus and insect attack and obnoxious smell.
- (3) Each package shall contain the Dried Tamarind of the same variety and 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 containers:-
 - (a) name and address of packer;
 - (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 Dried Tamarind different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed on the container in accordance with these rules.

SCHEDULE I

(See Rules 3 and 4)

Grade designation and definition of quality of Dried Tamarind

Grade designation	Definition of Quality					
	Special characteristics					General characteristics
Seed content percent by weight (Maximum)	Fibers percent by weight (Maximum)	Rind per cent by weight (Maximum)	insect damaged percent by weight (Maximum)	Moisture per cent by weight (Maximum)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Special	35.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	15.0	The dried Tamarind shall be :
A	40.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	20.0	(1) Obtained after removing the rind from the mature ripe and dried fruit of <i>Tamarindus indica</i> , and
B	45.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	25.0	(2) free from live insects, visible mould, fungus, rodent excreta, artificial coloring and polishing, obnoxious odour, deleterious substances and other impurities except to the extent provided under special characteristics.

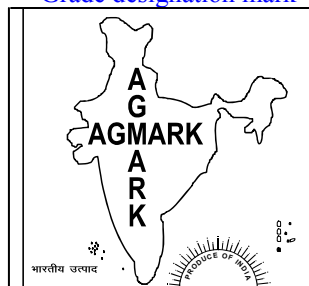
Definitions:

- (1) Fibers: shall be the thread like tissues found in dried Tamarind.
- (2) Rind: shall mean dried external covering skin of the fruit.
- (3) Insect damaged: shall be the Tamarind damaged by the insects/weevils.

SCHEDULE II

(See Rule – 5)

Grade designation mark



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