

GUM KARAYA GRADING AND MARKING RULES

- 1. Short title application and commencement.- (1)**

These Rules may be called the Gum Karaya Grading and Marking rules, 1982.

(2) They shall apply to the Gum Karaya 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 a body of persons who has been granted a Certificate of Authorisation by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, for getting the commodity graded and marked in accordance with 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 the Gum Karaya 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(a) to 4 of Schedule I.
- 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 set out in Schedule II.
- 6. Method of marking. -** (i) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

(2) In addition to the grade designation, the following particulars shall also be clearly marked on the label :-

 - (a) Crop Season;
 - (b) Net weight;
 - (c) Place of packing;
 - (d) Date of Packing; and
 - (e) 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 that the private trade mark does not represent a quality of grade of Gum Karaya different from that indicated by the grade designation mark, affixed to the container in accordance with these rules.
- 7. Method of packing .-** (1) Gum Karaya shall be packed in double gunny bags or any other type of container of such capacity and in such a manner as may be specified from time to time by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. Whilst the inner bag shall be clean and sound, the outer bag shall be completely new.

(2) Packing material shall be clean and dry, free from fungus and insect attack and obnoxious smell.

(3) Each package shall contain Gum Karaya of the same crop as on and of the same grade designation only.

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

SCHEDULE I

(See rules 3 and 4)

Grade designation and definition of quality of Gum Karaya (Crystals) commercially known as Katila, Karaya or Kullo

Definition of quality

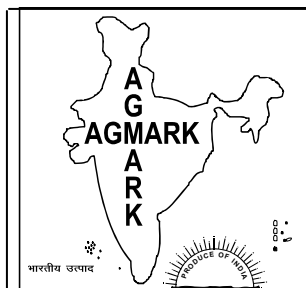
Grade Designation	Special Characteristics		General characteristics	
	Colour		Foreign matter, percent by weight (Maximum)	
	Summer Crop	Winter/Monsoon Crop		
I	2(a)	2(b)	3	4
No. 1	White with slight grey and yellow cast	Dull white	1.5	(1) be derived from the exudes of the plant <i>Sterculia urens</i> . (2) be reasonably dried, uniform in shape and size. (3) be free from rodent excreta, rodent filth and hair, fungus attack, insect infestation. (4) have characteristic solubility.
No. 2	Pale yellow to light tan and brown	Dull white to greyish to amber	3.0	
No. 3	Brown and dark brown with slight black cast	Dull yellow to brown dark	5.0	
No. 4	Dark brown to black	Dull brown to black	8.0	
No. 5	Black and mixed	Black and mixed	10.0	

Definition : Foreign matter shall include bark, leaves, dust, dirt, stones pieces or any other organic and inorganic matter other than Gum Karaya.

SCHEDULE II

[(See rule 5)]

Grade designation mark



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