

THE PALMYRA FIBRE GRADING AND MARKING RULES

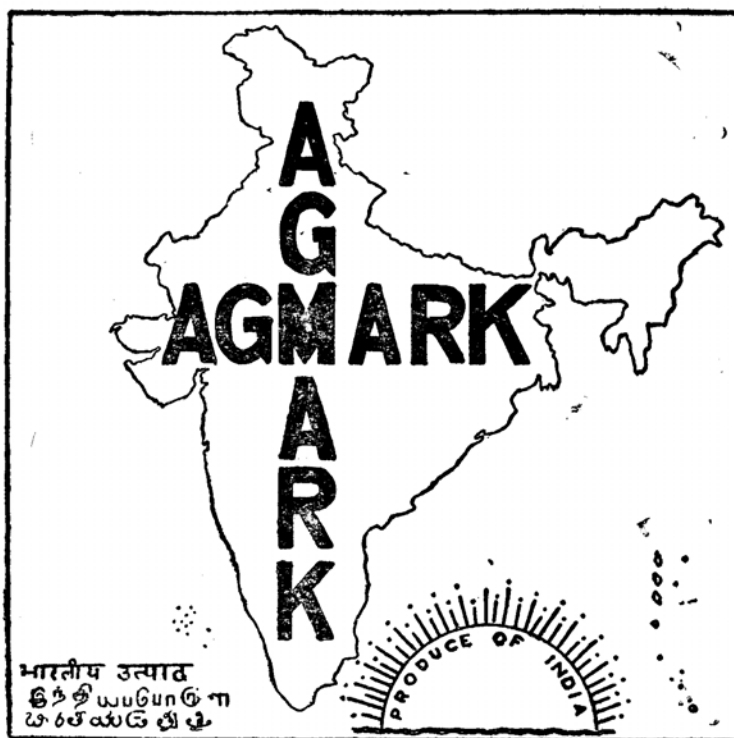
1. **Short title and application.**—(1) These rules may be called the Palmyra Fibre (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1964.
(2) They shall apply to palmyra fibre obtained from palms (*Borassus umbra-culiferea*, Linn) produced in India.
2. **Definitions.** - In these rules-
 - (i) 'Agricultural Marketing Adviser' means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India;
 - (ii) 'Schedule' means a Schedule appended to these rules.
3. **Grade designations.**- Grade designations to indicate the quality of Palmyra fiber shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedules II and III.
4. **Definition of quality.**- The quality indicated by the respective grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 5 of Schedules II and III
5. **Grade Designation marks .-** 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 word 'AGMARK' and the figure of the rising sun, with the words 'Produce of India' and (Hkkjrh; mRikn) resembling the one as set out in Schedule I.
6. **Method of marking.**- The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each package in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser and shall clearly show the following particulars, namely :-
 - (a) Grade designation
 - (b) Trade description.
 - (c) Year of harvest.
 - (d) Date of packing.
 - (ii) An authorised packers may after obtaining the prior approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, mark his private trade mark on the package, in a manner approved by the said officer, provided that the private trade mark does not represent quality or grade of Palmyra fiber different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed to the package in accordance with these rules.
7. **Method of packing :-**
 - (1) Palmyra fibre shall be packed in bales or ballots of such weight as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
 - (2) Each package shall contain fibre of one grade designation only.
 - (3) Each package shall contain fibers of only one length or an assortment of not more than three lengths in equal proportions when required.
 - (4) Only sound, clean and dry packing material such as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser shall be used for packing of Palmyra fibers.
8. **Special conditions of certificate of authorisation.**-In addition to the conditions specified in rule 4 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1937, the following special conditions shall be observed by the packers to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser namely,-

An authorised packer shall provide all facilities to the Inspecting Officer duly authorised by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser in this behalf for sampling, testing and such other matters as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE –I

(See Rule 5)

Grade designation mark for packages of Palmyra Fibre



Note : The Tamil and Telugu words will not occur in the labels in case where commodities are graded for the purpose of export.

SCHEDULE II

(See Rules 3 and 4)

Grade designations and definition of quality of “Undyed (Natural) Palmyra Fibre”

Grade designation	Special Characteristics			General characteristics
	Colour	Stiffness* (Maximum)	Refraction ! (Maximum)%	
1	2	3	4	5
Extra Stiff (ESU)	Dark Blackish@	20	0.25	The fibers shall be reasonably dry. They shall reasonably be free from knots, spots and splitting. The fibers shall be free from mould.
Prime Stiff (PSU)	Blackish@@	25	0.25	
Medium Stiff (MSU)	Dark Brownish #	30	0.50	
Soft (SFU)	Brownish to Whitish	40	1.00	

*As represented by the number of fibers of 2.5 cm length per 10 gms.

! Shall include pithy matter, dirt, dust and other foreign matter.

@May include not more than 5% of stiff brownish to whitish fibers.

@@May include not more than 20% of medium stiff brownish to whitish fibers.

May include not more than 25% of soft brownish to whitish fibers.

For accidental errors in grading, a tolerance of 5% will be admissible in respect of stiffness.

SCHEDULE III

(See Rules 3 and 4)

Grade designations and definition of quality of "Dyed Palmyra Fibre"

Special Characteristics				General characteristics
Grade designation	Colour	stiffness* (Maximum)	Refraction** (Maximum)%	
1	2	3	4	5
Extra Stiff black (ESD)	Black	20	0.25	The fibre shall be reasonably dry and be free from moulds.
Prime Stiff Black (PSD)	"	25	0.25	
Medium stiff Black (MSD)	"	30	0.50	
Soft Black (SFD)	"	40	1.00	
Extra Stiff Brown (ESB)	Brown	20	0.25	
Prime stiff Brown (PSB)	"	25	0.25	
Medium Stiff Brown (MSB)	"	30	0.50	
Soft Brown (SFB)	"	40	1.00	

* As represented by the number of the fibres of 2.5 cm length per 10 gms.

**Shall include pithy matter, dirt, dust and other foreign matter.

For accidental errors in grading a tolerance of 5% will be admissible in respect of stiffness.

For accidental errors in grading presence of brownish fibres in black colour fibres and vice versa will be admissible to the extent of 5%.