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CATECHU (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

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CATECHU (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES, 1982

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:

1. Short title, application and commencement :-

- (1) These rules may be called the Catechu (Grading and Marking) Rules, 1982.
- 2. They shall apply to Catechu 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. "Authorised Packer" means a person or a body of persons who has been granted a certificate of authorisation under R.3 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1937in relation to Catechu;
- 3. "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to these rules.

3. Grade designations :-

The grade designations to indicate the quality of Catechu shall be

as set out in column 1 of Schedule 1.

4. Definition of quality :-

The quality indicated by the grade designations shall be as set out, against the said designations in columns 2 to 10 of Schedule 1.

5. Grade designation mark :-

The grade designation mark shall consist of a label supplied by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser specifying the grade designation and bearing a design consisting of an outline map of India with the word "AGMARK" and the figure of the risingsun with the words "Produce of India" and resembling the mark as set out in Schedule-II.

6. Method of packing :-

- (1) Only sound, clean and dry container made of jute or wooden boxes or plastic bags, or tin containers or paper cartons or any other material as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser shall be used for packing. The container shall be free from any insect infestation or fungus contaminations and also free from any undesirable smell.
- (2) The container shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (3) Each package shall contain Catechu of the same grade designation only.

7. Method of marking :-

- (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to every container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (2) In addition to the grade designation mark, the following particulars shall be clearly marked on the label and/or container, namely:
- (a) Date of packing;
- (b) Lot number;
- (c) Name and address of Packer;
- (d) Net weight;
- (e) Any other particulars as may be approved by the Agricultural

Marketing Adviser from time to time.

(3) An 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 trade mark does not represent quality or grade of the Catechu different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed on the container in accordance with these Rules.

SCHEDULE 1 SCHEDULE I

(See rule 3 and rule 4) Grade designation and definition of quality of Catechu (edible) commercially known as Kattha \ \ \ \ \ Definition of quality \ \ General characteristics \ \ \ \ \ Special characterestics \ \ Grade \ Catechu \ Matter \ Solids \ Total ash \ Ash in- \ Water in- \ Mois- Poisonous metals, ppm. maximum desig- content \ insoluble insoluble on dry soluble \ soluble \\ ture Arse Lead Copper Zinc Tin nation per cent in recti in boiling basis per \ in dilute residue \ \ (less on \ nic \ \ \ \ by weight fied spirit, water \ cent by \ HCL on \ at 37 C+ \ drying) \ (mini- \ per cent \ per cent \ weight \ dry basis 2ZC per \ per cent) \ \ mum) \ by weight \ by weight \ (maxi-\ per cent cent by \ by weight \ \ \ (maxi-\ (maxi-\ mum) \ by weight by weight \ (maxi- \ \ mum) \ mum) \ (maxi- \ (maxi- \ mum) \ \\\\mum)\mum)\\1\2\34\5\67\8\9a\9b 9c\9d 9e 10 I\ 69.00 \ 15.00 3.00 \ 1.5 \ 0.2 8.0 \ 12.0 \ 1 \2.5 30 \ 50 250 Catechu (edible) Shall:- II \ 45.00 \ 20.00 6.00 \ 3.0 \ 0.5 12.0 \ 12.0 \ 1 \2.5 30 \ 50 250 1. be the product obtained by crystallization of the water III 30.00 25.00 8.00 4.0 0.5 16.0 12.0 1 2.5 30 50 250 extractives of the heart wood of Acacia catechu wild fam, Leguminosae, commonly, known as kho tree; 2. be comparatively free fro water soluble catechutannic acid or cutch leaves, bark cellulosic materia infestation, fungus attack, rodent contamination, \\ gambler, cutch \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ filler materials such \\ foreign material; \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ 5. have negative hydroxide solution \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\shall change to

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SCHEDULE 2 SCHEDULE II	
(See rule 5) Grade designation mark	