

HAND PICKED SELECTED GROUNDNUTS GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. **Short title application and commencement: -**
 - (1) These rules may be called the Hand Picked selected Groundnuts Grading and Marking Rules, 1982
 - (2) They shall apply to the Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts produced in India.
 - (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Definition:-** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires.
 - (a) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India;
 - (b) "Authorised packer" means a person or body of persons who has been issued certificate of authorisation by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser authorising such person or body of persons to grade and mark the Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts under Agmark;
 - (c) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules.
3. **Grade designations:-** The grade designations to indicate the quality of the Hand Picked selected Groundnuts shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedules I to VI.
4. **Definition of quality:-** The quality indicated by the grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designations in Schedules I to VI.
5. **Grade designation mark :-**
 - (i) The grade designation mark shall consist of a label bearing a design consisting of an outline map of India with the word "AGMARK" and the figure of the rising sun with the word "produce of India" and "Hkkjrh; mRikn" resembling the mark as set out in Schedule VII and specifying the grade designation.
 - (ii) The grade designation mark, to be used on B-twill jute bags shall consist of a rectangular tie-on label specifying the grade designation.
6. **Method of marking :-**
 - (1) The grade designation mark shall be securely affixed to each container in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (ii) In addition to the grade designation mark, every container shall be clearly marked with the following particulars, namely :-
 - (a) date of packing;
 - (b) lot number;
 - (c) name of packer;
 - (d) net weight;
 - (e) place of packing; and
 - (f) any other particulars as may be specified by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (iii) An authorised packer may, after obtaining the prior approval of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, mark his private trademark on a container in a manner approved by the said officer, provided the private trademark does not represent quality or grade of the Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts different from that indicated by the grade designation mark affixed on the container in accordance with these rules.
7. **Method of packing :-**
 - (i) Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts shall be packed in new B-twill jute bags or in any other material as may be approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser. The packing material shall be clean, dry and free from any insect infestation or fungus contamination and also free from any undesirable smell.
 - (ii) The container shall be securely closed and sealed in the manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
 - (iii) Each package shall contain the Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts of one trade description and one grade designation only.
8. **Fumigation:-**
 - (i) Fumigation of Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts pods and kernels shall be compulsory.
 - (ii) Export consignments shall be fumigated not earlier than 15 days before shipment.

(iii) Fumigation of both Hand Picked Selected Groundnut pods and kernels and prophylactic treatment of container shall be undertaken in accordance with the instructions issued by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India from time to time and a certificate to this effect shall be produced by the exporter or his agent in respect of each lot in the form prescribed by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India to authority who issued the relevant Certificate of Grading, within 15 days from the date of shipment as a proof that the exported lot was

fumigated by the recognised fumigator within the prescribed time.

9. Repeal and saving:-

- (1) The Hand Picked Selected Groundnuts grading and Marketing Rules, 1939, are hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the rules so repealed shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provision of these rules.

SCHEDULE I

[See rule 3 and 4]

Grade designations and definition of quality of Hand Picked Selected (HPS) Groundnut pods Commercially known as
BOLD AND COROMANDEL

Grade Designation	Definition of quality					General characteristics	
	Special characteristics						
	Extraneous Matter per cent by Weight (Max.)	Immature and shriveled pods per cent by weight (Max.)	Damaged and discoloured pods per cent by weight (Max.)	Pods of other varieties per cent by weight (Max.)	Shelling per cent by weight (Minimum)	Moisture per cent by weight (Max.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Special	0.5	2.0	0.5	1.0	69	8.0	The Hand Picked Selected Groundnut pods shall :-
Standard	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	66	8.0	(a) be the pods obtained from the plant <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> :
General	2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	62	8.0	(b) have characteristics shape, size, appearance and configuration of the Bold Coromandel variety;
							(c) be free from fungus and insect attack, live and/ or dead insects, obnoxious smell, rodent contamination and excreta, larvae and pupae.

Definition:

1. **Extraneous matter:** means dust, lumps of earth, shell, dirt, stones, stem, straw or any other impurity or any other edible/non-edible oilseeds.
2. **Immature and shriveled pods:** are those pods which are imperfectly developed and / or shrunken.
3. **Damaged and discoloured pods :** are those pods that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration materially affecting the quality.
4. **Pods of other varieties :** means the pods of other than the principal variety/ type of groundnut.
5. **Shelling per cent :** means the weight of kernels found in 100 grams of pods.

Note : Hand picked selected Groundnut pods shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only if there is specific demand from the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE II

[See rule 3 and 4]

Grade designations and definition of quality of Hand Picked Selected (HPS) Groundnut pods Commercially known as peanuts

Grade Designation	Definition of quality						General characteristics
	Special characteristics						
	Extraneous Matter per Cent by Weight (Max.)	Immature and shriveled pods per cent weight (Max.)	Damaged and discolored pods per cent by weight (Max.)	Pods of other varieties per cent by weight (Max.)	Shelling per cent by weight (Minimum)	Moisture per cent by weight (Max.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Special	0.5	2.0	0.5	1.0	72	8.0	The Hand Picked Selected Groundnut pods shall :- (a) be the pods obtained from the plant <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> ; (b) have characteristics Shape, size, appearance and configuration of the peanuts variety; (c) be free from fungus and insect attack live and/ or dead insects, obnoxious smell, rodent contamination and excreta, larvae and pupae
Standard	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	69	8.0	
General	2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	66	8.0	

Definition:

1. **Extraneous matter:** means dust, lumps of earth, shell, dirt, stones, stem, straw or any other impurity or any other edible/ non edible oil seeds.
2. **Immature and shriveled pods:** are those pods, which are imperfectly, developed and/ or shrunken.
3. **Damaged and discolored pods :** are those pods that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration materially affecting the quality.
4. **Pods of other varieties:** means the pods of other than the principal variety/ type of groundnut.
5. **Shelling per cent:** means the weight of kernels found in 100 grams of pods.

Note: Hand picked selected Groundnut pods shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only if there is specific demand from the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE III

[See rule 3 and 4]

Grade designations and definition of quality of Hand Picked Selected (HPS) Groundnut pods Commercially known as Red Natal

Grade Designation	Definition of quality						General characteristics
	Special characteristics						
	Extraneous Matter per Cent by Weight (Max.)	Immature and shriveled pods per cent weight (Max.)	Damaged and discoloured pods per cent by weight (Max.)	Pods of other varieties per cent by weight (Max.)	Shelling per cent by weight (Minimum)	Moisture per cent by weight (Max.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Special	0.5	2.0	0.5	1.0	75	8.0	The Hand Picked Selected Groundnut pods shall :- (a) be the pods obtained from the plant <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> ; (b) have characteristics Shape, size, appearance and configuration of the Red-Natal variety; (c) be free from fungus and insect attack live and/ or dead insects, obnoxious smell, rodent contamination and excreta, larvae and pupae.
Standard	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	70	8.0	
General	2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	68	8.0	

Definition:

- 1. Extraneous matter:** means dust, lumps of earth, shell, dirt, stones, stem, straw or any other impurity or any other edible/ non edible oil seeds.
- 2. Immature and shriveled pods:** are those pods, which are imperfectly, developed and/ or shrunken.
- 3. Damaged and discolored pods :** are those pods that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration materially affecting the quality.
- 4. Pods of other varieties:** means the pods or other than the principal variety/ type of groundnut.
- 5. Shelling per cent:** means the weight of kernels found in 100 grams of pods.

Note: Hand picked selected Groundnut pods shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only if there is specific demand from the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE -IV

[See rule 3 and 4]

Grade designations and definition of quality of Hand Picked Selected (HPS) Groundnut kernels commercially known as BOLD and COROMANDEL (*Arachis hypogaea*)

Grade Designation	Definition of quality				General characteristics
	Special characteristics				
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special	50	0.5	0.50	7.0	The Hand picked Selected Groundnut kernels shall: (a) be obtained from the pods of the Bold/ coromandel variety. (b) have characteristics shape, colour, configuration and appearance of the Variety; (c) be dry, free from extraneous matter, living and/ or dead insects, weevils, larvae, pupae, any visible mould and rodent contamination, and excreta, (b) be free from rancidity bitter taste obnoxious smell and deleterious, substances; and (c) be free from nooks.
Standard	55	0.5	1.00	7.0	
Good	60	0.5	2.00	7.0	
General*	As per contract Between the buyer and the seller	0.5	2.00	7.0	

Definitions :

- Damaged Kernels :** are those kernels that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil, or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration of kernels materially affecting the quality,
- Slightly damaged :** are those kernels which are superficially affecting to the extent as to impair its appearance only
- Broken Kernels** means the kernels smaller than splits but bigger than nooks.
- Split Kernels :** means the kernels separated lengthwise into two complete halves only.
- Nooks :** means very small pieces of the kernels which are 1/8th or less than 1/8th of a whole kernel.
- Extraneous matter :** cans dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, shell, stem, straw or any other edible or non edible seeds or any other impurity.

* This grade has been provided to cover the buyers requirement in respect of No. of kernels per 25 gm. Not covered under the other grades. HPS Groundnut under this grade shall be packed/ exported only against specific order from the foreign buyer indicating the number of counts (kernels) per 25 gm.

Note:- HPS Groundnut meant for export shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only when there is specific demand from the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE-V

[See rules 3 and 4]

Grade designation and definition of quality of Hand picked Selected (HPS) Groundnut kernels commercially known as peanut (*Archis hypogaea*)

Grade designation	Definition of quality				General characteristics
	No of. kernels per 25 gm. Maximum by count	Damaged and slightly damaged kernels per cent by weight (maximum)	Broken including split kernels per cent by weight (maximum)	Moisture per cent by weight (maximum)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special	70	0.5	0.50	7.0	The Hand picked selected Groundnut kernels shall;
Standard	75	0.5	1.00	7.0	(a) be obtained from the pods of the peanut variety;
Good	80	0.5	2.00	7.0	(b) have characteristics shape, colour, configuration & appearance of the variety;
General*	as per the Contract between the buyer and the seller	0.5	2.00	7.0	(c) be dry, free from extraneous matter, living and/ or dead insects, weevils, larvae, pupae, any visible mould and rodent contamination and excreta (d) be free from rancidity, bitter taste, obnoxious smell and deleterious substances; and (e) be free from nooks.

Definitions:

(1) Damaged kernels : are those kernels that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration of kernels materially affecting the quality.

(2) Slightly damaged : are those kernels which are superficially affected to the extent as to impair its appearance only.

(3) Broken kernels : mean the kernels smaller than splits but bigger than nooks.

(4) Split kernels : means the kernels separated lengthwise into two complete halves only.

(5) Nooks : means very small pieces of the kernels, which are 1/8th or less than 1/8th of a whole kernel.

(6) Extraneous matter: means dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, shell, stem, straw or any other edible or non-edible seed or any other impurity.

*This grade has been provided to cover the buyers' requirements in respect of "No. of Kernels per 25gm." not covered under the other grades. HPS Groundnut under this grade shall be packed/ exported only against specific order from the foreign buyer indicating the number of counts (kernels) per 25 gm.

Note: HPS Groundnut, meant for export, shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only when there is specific demand form the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE - VI

[See rules 3 and 4]

Grade designations and definition of quality of Hand Picked Selected (HPS) groundnut kernels commercially known as Red Natal (Arachis hypogaea)

Grade designation	Definition of quality				General characteristics
	Special characteristics		Special characteristics		
	No of. kernels per 25 gm. Maximum by count	Damaged and slightly damaged kernels per cent by weight (maximum)	Broken including split kernels per cent by weight (maximum)	Moisture per cent by weight (maximum)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special	65	0.5	0.50	7.0	The Hand picked selected Groundnut kernels shall;
Standard	75	0.5	1.00	7.0	(a) be obtained from the pods of the red natal variety;
Good	80	0.5	2.00	7.0	(b) have characteristics shape, colour, configuration & appearance of the variety;
General*	as per the Contract between the buyer and the seller	0.5	2.00	7.0	(c) be dry, free from extraneous matter, living and/ or dead insects, weevils, larvae, pupae, any visible mould and rodent contamination and excreta; (d) be free from rancidity, bitter taste, obnoxious smell and deleterious substances; and (e) be free from nooks.

Definitions:

(1) Damaged kernels : are those kernels that are damaged mechanically or by mould, weevil or any other insect attack or those showing internal discoloration of kernels materially affecting the quality.

(2) Slightly damaged : are those kernels which are superficially affected to the extent as to impair its appearance only.

(3) Broken kernels : mean the kernels smaller than splits but bigger than nooks.

(4) Split kernels : means the kernels separated lengthwise into two complete halves only.

(5) Nooks : means very small pieces of the kernels, which are 1/8th or less than 1/8th whole kernel.

(6) Extraneous matter: other impurity. means dust, dirt, stones, lumps of earth, shell, stem, straw or any other edible or non-edible seed or any other impurity.

*This grade has been provided to cover the buyers' requirements in respect of "No. of Kernels per 25gm." not covered under the other grades. HPS Groundnut under this grade shall be packed/ exported only against specific order from the foreign buyer indicating the number of counts (kernels) per 25 gm.

***Note:** HPS Groundnut, meant for export, shall be subject to Aflatoxin test only when there is specific demand from the foreign buyer.

SCHEDULE VII

(See rule 5)
Grade designation Mark



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