

TABLE EGGS GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. Short title, application and commencement.-

- (1) These rules may be called the Table Eggs Grading and Marking Rules, 1968
- (2) They shall apply to table eggs produced in India.
- (3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definition.- In these rules :-

- (a) "Agricultural Marketing Adviser" means the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India and includes any officer subordinate to him to whom the powers under these rules may be delegated by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.
- (b) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules;
- (c) "table egg" means edible eggs derived as a product of poultry husbandry.

3. Grade designation.- The grade designation to indicate the quality of table eggs shall be as set out in column 1 of Schedule II.

4. Definition of quality.- The quality of table eggs indicated by the respective grade designations shall be as set out against each grade designation in columns 2 to 8 of Schedule II.

5. Grade designation marks.- (1) The grade designation mark in the case of each table egg shall consist of design incorporating the word 'Agmark' and the grade of the egg as approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser placed centrally in a circle of not less than 13 mm. in diameter.

(2) The grade designation mark in the case of containers in which graded table eggs are packed shall consist of a label in the colour as set out in the table below specifying the grade designation and bearing the design 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 one set out in Schedule I.

TABLE

The grade designation mark to be attached to each container of table eggs shall consist of a label specifying the grade designation and shall be in and the following colour, namely :-

Grade designation	Color of label
(i)	(ii)
Extra large	White
Large	Red
Medium	Blue
Small	Yellow

6. Method of marking.-(1) The grade designation mark and the date of grading shall be marked legibly on each table egg in indelible ink, on the shell by means of a rubber stamp in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India

(2) The grade designation mark label shall be attached by means of a lead seal bearing the word AGMARK to each container of table eggs and shall clearly show the following particulars :-

- (a) Grade designation of the table eggs;
- (b) number of table eggs;
- (c) net weight of table eggs;
- (d) name of grading station;
- (e) date of dispatch.

7. Method of packing.- (1) Only sound, clean and dry containers which are suitable for the purpose and are free from any undesirable smell and from any insect infestation or fungus contamination shall be used for packing.

(2) The container shall be securely closed and sealed in a manner approved by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser.

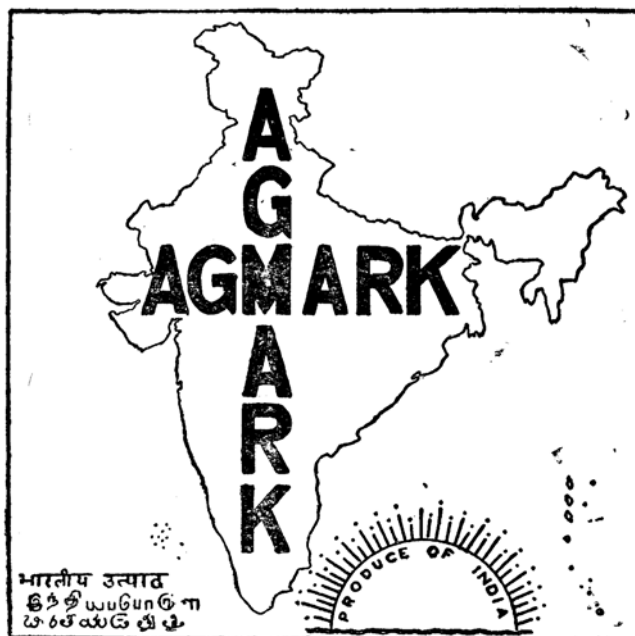
(3) Packing material, if used, shall be clean, dry, sweet smelling and free from any taint liable to impart any objectionable flavor to the table eggs.

(4) Table eggs of different grades shall be packed separately, as far as possible, and, if table eggs of more grades than one are packed in one container, a layer of clean paper or clean straw shall be placed between the different grades and separate label of appropriate colour shall be attached to the containers giving the particulars in respect of the table eggs of each grade packed in the container.

SCHEDULE I

(See Rule 5)

Map of India



SCHEDULE II

(See Rules 3 and 4)

Grade designation and definition of quality of table eggs produced in India.

Grade	Weight (individual) in gms.	Weight (per dozen) in gms.	Weight (per unit of ten) in gms.	Shell	Air Cell	White	Yolk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. Extra Large	60 and above	715 and above	596 and above	Clean, unbroken and sound shape normal	Up to 4 mm. in depth practically regular or better	Clear reasonably firm	Fairly well centred practically free from defects, outline indistinct.
A. Large	53-59	631-714	526-595				
A. Medium	45-52	535-630	446-525				
A. Small	38-44	456-534	380-445				
B. Extra Large	60 and above	715 and above	596 and above	Clean to moderately stained, sound and slightly abnormal	8 mm. in depth, may be free and slightly bubbly	Clear, may be slightly weak	May be slightly off centered, out line slightly visible
B. Large	53-59	631-714	526-595				
B. Medium	45-52	535-630	446-525				
B. Small	38-44	456-534	380-445				