

COMPENDIUM

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(Department of Commerce)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 23rd January, 2003

S.O. 67(E) — Whereas, for the development of the export trade of India, certain proposals for subjecting Basmati Rice to quality control and inspection prior to export was published as required by sub-rule (2) of rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964, in the Gazette of India Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii), dated the 1st March, 2001 under the order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, No. S.O. 185(E) dated the 1st March 2001;

And whereas, objections and suggestions were invited from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within the period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said Order in the said Gazette;

And whereas, copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on 5th March, 2001;

And whereas, the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft have been considered by the Central Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), the Central Government after consulting the Export Inspection Council, being of the opinion, that it is necessary and expedient so to do, for the development of the export trade of India, hereby:-

- (1) notifies that the Basmati Rice shall be subject to quality control and inspection prior to export;
- (2) specifies that the type of quality control and inspection which shall be applied to such Basmati Rice prior to export shall be the type of quality control and inspection in accordance with the Export of Basmati Rice (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 2003; and
- (3) recognises —
 - a) the contractual specifications agreed to between the foreign buyer and the exporter, which may include optional tests such as alkali score, amylose content, insoluble amylose content, gel mobility, presence of heavy metals, pesticides residues, freedom of rice from organisms, parasites and fungi:

Provided that such specifications as are referred to in this clause above are not below the minimum specifications stipulated in the Schedule appended to this Order; and

- b) in the absence of contractual specifications, minimum specifications as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

Provided that the exporter confirms from the importer that the specifications under clause (a), conform to the food laws, if any, in force in the importing country.

Sub-clause (d) has been added as per S.O. 1881 dated 25th June, 2003

- c) in the case of any consignment of Basmati Rice for which standards mentioned at sub-clauses (a) and (b) above are not applicable or in any other contingency, the standards formulated by a Standing Committee consisting of the following members shall be made applicable :

1.	Joint Secretary, Export Promotion (Agriculture), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi	—Chairman
2.	Joint Secretary (Crops), Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	—Member
3.	Director (Inspection and Quality Control), Export Inspection Council, New Delhi	—Member
4.	Joint Commissioner (S&R) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi	—Member
5.	Representative from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	—Member
6.	Representative from Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority	—Member
7.	Representative from All India Rice Exporters' Association, New Delhi	—Member

(4) prohibits the export of Basmati Rice in the course of international trade, unless it conforms to the standard specifications applicable to it and is accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued by any of the Agencies established under section 7 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963) including its sub-offices located at various parts of the region.

(5) Nothing contained in this Order shall apply to export by sea, land or air of samples of Basmati Rice, the value of which shall not exceed permissible limits laid down in exim policy from time to time and where no such provisions exists, the value shall not exceed Rs. 500/- to prospective buyers.

(6) The relaxations granted and by Government of India, Ministry of commerce's Notification numbers S.O. 481 (E) and S.O. 482(E) dated 25th July, 1991 and S.O. 929 (E) dated 4th December, 1990 shall mutatis mutandis apply to the export of Basmati Rice.

(7) This order shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette

SEHEDULE

STANDARDS FOR INDIAN BASMATI RICE

Grade	Minimum Average Peacock Length in mm	Min L/B Ratio	Maximum Moisture content % age	Max. Damaged Discoloured Grain %	Max. Chalky Grain/ Black Kernels %	Max. Broken & Fragments %	Max. Foreign Matter %	Max. other Grain %	Max. other Rice varieties %	Max. under Milled & red stripped grain %	Max. Paddy Grain %	Minimum Elongation Ratio	Maximum Green Green %
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
MILLED													
Special	7.1	3.5	14	0.5	3	2	0.1	0.1	5	2	0.1	1.7	-
A	7	3.5	14	0.7	5	3	0.25	0.1	8	2.5	0.2	1.7	-
B	6.61*	3.5	14	1	7	5	0.4	0.2	15	3.5	0.3	1.7	-
MILLED PARBOILED													
Special	7.1	3.5	14	0.5	0.1	2	0.1	0.1	5	2	0.1	1.5	-
A	7	3.5	14	0.7	0.5	3	0.25	0.1	8	2.5	0.2	1.5	-
B	6.61*	3.5	14	1	1	5	0.4	0.2	15	3.5	0.3	1.5	-
BROWN													
Special	7.4	3.5	14	0.5	3	2	0.2	0.1	5	2	0.2	1.7	2
A	7.2	3.5	14	0.7	5	3	0.5	0.1	8	2.5	0.5	1.7	4
B	7	3.5	14	1	7	5	1	0.2	15	3.5	0.8	1.7	6
BROWN PARBOILED													
Special	7.4	3.5	14	0.5	0.5	2	0.2	0.1	5	2	0.1	1.5	2
A	7.2	3.5	14	0.7	1	3	0.5	0.1	8	2.5	0.2	1.5	4
B	7	3.5	14	1	2	5	1	0.2	15	3.5	0.3	1.5	6

* Substituted as per S.O. 136 (E) dated 13th January 2016

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