

## SKINS GRADING AND MARKING RULES

**1. Short title and application.-**

- (1) These Rules may be called the Skins Grading and Marking Rules, 1937
- (2) They shall apply to skins produced in India

**2. Grade designations.-**Grade designations to indicate the quality of skins (goat and sheep) are set out in column-I of schedule-I.

**3. Definition of quality :-**The Quality indicated by such grade designations is set out, against such designations, in columns 2 to 10 of Schedule-I.

**3. Grade designation marks.-**The grade designation marks shall consist of the metal label of the designs and shape set out in Schedule-II.

**4. Method of marking.-** The grade designation mark label shall be attached to each skin on the tail near the root by means of a wire and Secured with a lean seal bearing the word AGMARK.

### SCHEDULE I

(See Rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality of skins (goat and sheep) produced in India

Grade Designation	Definition of Quality								
	Special characteristics respecting state of condition					General Characteristics			
	Hair Side					Flesh Side	Trimmed measurements+		
	Constitutional	Mange, scab and Skin disease Marks	Marks due to external injuries	Pox, scab and other diseases marks	Flayer's cuts and marks	State or condition	Measurements Groups	Limits of Measurement ! Length along back !!	
							Goat cm	Sheep cm	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Primes	Plump and thick Skins without signs of emaciation.	No allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed except for on or two cuts or holes on the Belly portion*.	The skin shall bear no branding from	Extra heavy	102 cm & above	91 cm & above
Seconds	Without signs of emaciation Less plump and thinner than primes but not so thin as to become papery on drying	No more than four allowed	Not more than four allowed	Not more than four allowed	A reasonable number allowed on the belly portions* but not more than four cuts or holes (with a combined total length of 51 mm) may be on the remainder of the skin.	marks and shall be reasonably free from bloods dirt and other extraneous matter. Head and feet shall be removed.	Heavy Medium light Kids lambs	91 cm to 102 cm 84 cm to 91 cm 71 cm to 84 cm 56 cm to 71 cm	81 cm to 89 cm 69 cm to 79 cm 56 cm to 69 cm

Provided that the total number of marks and cuts, apart from those on the belly portion\*, shall not exceed four or cover a total area of more than 6.5 sq. cm.

- \*The skin having been evenly folded lengthwise and a measurement made at right angles from the fold to a point midway between the fore and hind legs any part of the skin lying more than seven-eighths of this distance from the central fold shall constitute the belly portion.
- ! The measurements given are for dry salted skins. A shrinkage allowance of 2½ percent shall be added in the case of wet salted and 5 percent in the case of raw skin.
- !! The skin having been evenly folded lengthwise and laid flat the length along back shall be measured from the root of the tail to the point where the skin of the front part of throat is the widest when measurement at right angles to the fold.

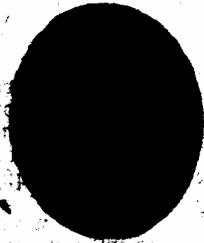
**SCHEDULE II**

(See Rule 4)

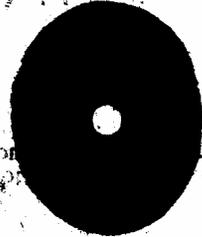
Grade designation marks for skins (Goat and sheep)

**EXTRA HEAVY**

**Primes**

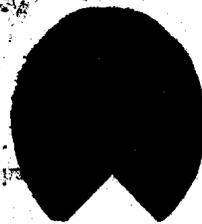


**Seconds**



**HEAVY**

**Primes**



**Seconds**



**MEDIUM**

**Primes**

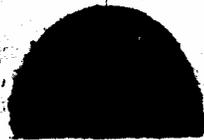


**Seconds**



**LIGHT**

**Primes**



**Seconds**



**KIDS & LAMBS**

**Primes**



**Seconds**

