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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & farmers Welfare
Marketing Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 25th November, 2015

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Quality Specifications for procurement of pulses under PSF during Kharif season 2015-16.

Ref.1: This office letter of even no. dt. 02.11.2015 based on a meeting held on 30.10.2015 in Krishi Bhawan.

Ref.2: Minutes of the 20th meeting of PSFMC held on 18.11.2015 specifying the quality norms for procurement of Urad and Tur.

Ref.3: Letter from NAFED dated 24.11.2015.

On the request of NAFED vide their letter dated 24.11.2015, the specifications of Urad to be procured by procuring agencies have been revised with the approval of competent authority. The modified specifications are as under:

Modified specifications for procurement of Urad for creating Buffer Stock

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<th>S.No.</th>
<th>Refractions</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Foreign Matter</td>
<td>2.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Admixture</td>
<td>3.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Other Edible grains</td>
<td>1.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Damaged/Slightly damaged</td>
<td>3.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Broken /Split / Unhusked</td>
<td>3.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Weevilled Pulses</td>
<td>3.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Moisture</td>
<td>12.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Immature and shrivelled</td>
<td>3.0 % by weight</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Uric Acid</td>
<td>As per FSSAI norms, at time of sale of stock</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Aflatoxin</td>
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The three procurement agencies, i.e., NAFED, SFAC & FCI are requested to procure Urad as per the above specifications.

Remarks:
1. Quality specifications shall conform to prescribed norms under Food Safety and Standards, Act 2006 / Rules under.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standards "Method of Sampling of cereals & pulses", No. IS:14818-2000 as amended from time to time.

Definitions: As given in Ref.1 above.

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