

**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR RAGI**

**(MARKETING SEASON 2012-2013)**

The Ragi shall be dried and matured grains of *Eleusine coracana*. It shall have uniform size, shape and colour. It shall be in sound merchantable condition and also conforming to PFA standards.

Ragi shall be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (khesari) in any form, colouring matter, admixture of deleterious substances and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below:

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION**

<b><u>S. No</u></b>	<b><u>Refractions</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Limits (%)</u></b>
1.	Foreign matter*	1.0
2.	Other foodgrains	1.0
3.	Damaged grains	1.0
4.	Slightly damaged grains	2.0
5.	Moisture content	12.0

\* Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

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1. The definition of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of analysis for foodgrains' Nos. IS: 4333 (Part-I): 1996 and IS: 4333 (Part-II): 2002 and 'Terminology for foodgrains' IS: 2813-1995 as amended from time to time.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of sampling of cereals and pulses' No. IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for foreign matter, the poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5% of which Dhatura and Akara seeds (*Vicia* species) not to exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.
4. Kernels with husk will not be treated as unsound grains. During physical analysis the husk will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.

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