

F.No. P-7(4)/2016-PMC (Pulses)
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Price Monitoring Cell

Room No.486-B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 14th April, 2016

OFFICE ORDER

Subject:- Quality Specifications for procurement of pulses under PSF during Rabi Marketing Season 2016-17

- Ref.1: Minutes of the 1st Meeting of re-constituted Meeting of PSFMC held on 4.4.16 wherein the issue of revising specification limits of organic matter in the Rabi pulses being procured was raised by FCI
- Ref.2: Letter No.18011/7/2015-M.II/875-880 dated the 9th March, 2016 from Agricultural Marketing Division, DAC&FW
- Ref.3: Letter dated 29.03.16 from FCI and Minutes of the Meeting held by JS (Mkt.) on 5th April, 2016 (Ref. to OM No.18011/7/2015-M.II/1133-1142 dated the 7th April, 2016 from Agricultural Marketing Division, DAC&FW)
- Ref 4: Minutes of the meeting for revision of specifications for procurement of Chana & Masur under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) held on 11th April, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (CA)
- Ref 5: Order of FSSAI dt.13th April, 2016 and File No.3075-01/REG/FSSAI/2016

On the request of FCI vide Letter dated 29.03.16, the specifications of Chana and Masur to be procured by procuring agencies have been revised with the approval of competent authority. The modified specifications are enclosed herewith at **ANNEXURE** for information and further necessary action by the three procurement agencies, i.e., NAFED, SFAC & FCI.

Encl: As above


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To

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Copy for information to:-

1. Chairman, FSSAI, New Delhi
2. JS(Marketing), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. CEO, FSSAI, New Delhi
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5. Shri B.B. Singh, ADG(O&P), ICAR, New Delhi
6. Shri M. Thangaraj, Dy. AMA, DMI

Copy also to:-

1. PSO to Secy(CA)/PPS to Pr.Adviser/PS to EA

Modified specifications for procurement of Chana and Masur for creating the buffer stock**Uniform Specifications for Bengal Gram (Desi)-Whole****Quality Specifications**

Gram shall

- be dried and mature grains of gram (*Cicerarietinum Linn.*).
- be from new crop with reasonable uniform size, shape and colour and in sound merchantable condition.
- be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome and free from moulds/fungus, live and dead insects, obnoxious smell, discolouration/artificial colour, admixture of deleterious substances and all other impurity except to the extent indicated in the schedule.
- be free from toxic or obnoxious seeds viz. *Crotolaris spp.*, *Corn Cockle (Agrostemmagithago L)*, *Caster bean (Ricinuscommunis L)*, *Jimson weed (Dhaturoa spp.)*, *Argemonemexicana*, *Khesari* etc which are recognized as harmful to health.

S.No.	Refractions	Max. Limit
1.	Foreign Matter	3.0% by weight of which Max. 0.5% by weight shall be mineral matter and impurities of animal origin
2.	Other Edible Grains	2.0% by weight
3.	Damaged grains/Slightly damaged/Touched (including insect damage)	3.0% by weight
4.	Immature, shrivilled and broken (unhusked/husked splits) including fragments	5.0% by weight
5.	Admixture	2.0% by weight
6.	Weevilled pulses	5.0% by count
7.	Moisture	12.0% by weight

Remarks:

1. Quality specifications shall conform to prescribed norms under Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 Rules, thereunder, at the time of sale of stocks.
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.

Definitions:

1. Foreign matters include dust, stones, lumps of earth, chaff husks stem, straw or any other impurity including non-edible seeds.