

Grade designation & quality of Chillies/Capsicums/Paprika(Whole)

Grade	Quality								
Designation	Special Characteristics								
	Organic extraneous matter % (m/m) Max.	Inorganic extraneous matter % (m/m) Max.	Unripe and marked fruits % (m/m) Max.	Broken fruits and fragments % (m/m) Max.	Moisture % (m/m) Max.	Total ash % (m/m) Max.	Acid insoluble ash % (m/m) Max.	Capsaicinoid content % (m/m) Min.	General Characteristics
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Special	0.8	0.2	2.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	1.25	0.3	(1) Chillies/Capsicum/Paprika are dried pods (fruits) with stalk of of genus Capsicum; (2) It shall have a characteristic strong odour; (3) It shall be free from mould growth, living insects and practically free from dead insects, insect fragments, rodent contamination, extraneous colouring matter, coating of mineral oil and other harmful substances; (4) It shall comply with restrictions in regard to Aflatoxins, Metallic Contaminants; Insecticide or Pesticide residue, Poisonous metals, naturally occurring Contaminants, Microbial load etc. as specified by the Codex Alimentarius Commission or as per buyers requirements for export purposes and the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 for domestic trade.
Standard	4.0	1.0	5.0	15.0	12.0	8.0	1.25	Not specified	

Definitions:

- (a) "Broken fruits" means-fruits which are broken during handling;
- (b) "Fragments" means-small pieces of fruits coming from broken fruits;
- (c) "Inorganic extraneous matter; means-includes stones; particles of soil/sand;
- (d) "Marked fruits, means-black or black stained fruits;
- (e) "Organic extraneous matter: means-includes stalks, leaves and calyx pieces;
- (f) "Unripe fruits" means-fruits not yet fully mature, the colour of which is different from that of the batch under consideration.

Notes:(1) Capsicum shall have a length of minimum 25 mm.

- (2) For special grade capsaicinoid content shall be declared on the label.