

Grade designation & quality of Fenugreek (Whole)

Grade Designation	Quality								
	Special Characteristics								
	Organic extraneous matter % (m/m)	Inorganic extraneous matter % (m/m)	Damaged and insect bored seeds % (m/m)	Moisture % (m/m)	Total ash % (m/m)	Acid insoluble ash % (m/m)	Cold water soluble extract % (m/m)	Crude fibre % (m/m)	General Characteristics
	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Special	0.5	0.2	0.5	10.0	5.0	1.5	30.0	15.0	(1) Fenugreek (Whole) shall be dried mature seeds of <i>Trigonella foenum graecum</i> L;
Standard	2.0	0.5	1.0	10.0	7.0	2.0	30.0	18.0	(2) It shall be free from mustiness, any off-flavours or other typical taste, odour or flavour, (3) It shall be free from added colouring matter; (4) It shall be free from mould growth, living insects and practically free from dead insects, insect fragments and rodent contamination; (5) It shall comply with restrictions in regard to Aflatoxins, Metallic Contaminants, Insecticide or Pesticide residue, Poisonous metals, naturally occurring contaminants, Microbial load and the like 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.

Definitions:

- (a) "Damaged and insect bored seeds" includes all seeds which are damaged or which have been bored or attacked by weevils or other insects;
- (b) "Inorganic extraneous matter" includes dust, stones, earth or any other inorganic foreign matter,
- (c) "Organic extraneous matter" includes straw or chaff, stalks, stems, seeds other than Fenugreek and other organic foreign matter.

Note:- When fragmented Fenugreek seeds are graded, the words 'Fragmented Fenugreek' shall be clearly marked on the label.