

SISAL INDUSTRY (INSPECTION) RULES, 1950

[G.N. 586/1950, G.N. 477/1951, G.N. 181/1954, L.N. 276/1989.]

1. These Rules may be cited as the Sisal Industry (Inspection) Rules.
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - “**inspector**” means any person holding office under the Board and authorized by the chairman of the Board to act as an inspector of sisal;
 - “**sisal plantation**” means a registered sisal plantation.
3. An inspector may enter any premises, other than a dwelling-house, at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting sisal fibre and for causing measures to be taken under these Rules:

Provided that before entering upon any premises such inspector shall give reasonable notice to the owner or occupier.
4. (1) All sisal for export shall be baled and fastened in such manner as is required by the Board, each bale being labelled and legibly and clearly marked with the date of production, the plantation mark and the grade mark, and such other mark as may be required by the Board.
 - (2) (a) All sisal fibre, other than unwashed sisal fibre, shall be graded according to the grades specified in the Schedule.
 - (b) Unwashed sisal fibre shall not be graded in accordance with paragraph (a) but shall be sold by sample.
5. The duties of an inspector shall be—
 - (a) to ensure that the contents of any bale or package of sisal conforms with the provisions of paragraph (2) of rule 4;
 - (b) to check the weight of sisal specified as being the weight of any bale or package;
 - (c) to check, so far as may be practicable, the accuracy of any scale upon which sisal is weighed.
6. An inspector shall be authorized to open any bale or package for the purpose of inspection.
7. Any sisal which is degraded by an inspector may be reprocessed by the sisal plantation and held for re-inspection or, if railed as of the grade to which it has been degraded, shall be marked in red.
8. (1) Any disagreement between an owner or manager of a sisal plantation and an inspector as to the grade of any sisal inspected shall be reported to the Board by both parties.
 - (2) The disagreement shall be considered by the Board, and their decision shall be final.
9. (1) There shall be payable a sisal inspection service charge at the rate of one half (0.5) per cent of the gross F.O.B. value per ton of all exported or locally spinned sisal fibre and tow.
 - (2) Every licensee licensed under section 7 of the Act shall cause to be paid to the Board the inspection service charges on or before the 15th of the month following the month for which the charges are due.

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(3) The owner or manager of each sisal spinning mill or factory shall cause to be paid all inspection service charges, in respect of sisal fibre or tow not sold through a marketing agent licensed under section 7 of the Act, to the Board on or before the 15th of the month following the month for which the charges are due.

(4) The owner or manager of each sisal spinning mill or factory and a marketing agent licensed under section 7 of the Act shall complete and forward to the Board on or before the seventh day of each month a return in a form to be prescribed by the Board.

10. Any person who fails to comply with any of these Rules shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

SCHEDULE

[Rule 4 (2).]

SISAL GRADING DEFINITIONS

Bale Marks



Length from 3 ft. with average 3 ft. 6 in.
Free of defective decortications
Properly brushed.
Free of tow, bunchy ends, knots and harshness.
Colour: creamy white to cream.

A

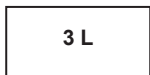
Same as Grade 1 but colour yellowish, sunburned, slightly spotted or slightly discoloured.



Length from 2 ft. 6 in. upwards. Otherwise same as Grade 1.



Length from 2 ft. upwards, consisting of brushed fibre that does not conform to Grades 1, A or 2. Although minor defects in colour and cleaning are allowable, it must be free of barky or undecorticated fibre and knots.



Length from 3 ft. upwards. Otherwise the same as Grade 3.

UG

Fibre that does not conform to the above-mentioned grades as regards length, colour and cleaning, but minimum length 2 ft.

SCWF

Length not less than 18 in. and not more than 24 in. Otherwise same as Grade 3.

TOW 1

Proper tow from the brushing machines. Free of line fibre, cuttings, dust, dirt, sweepings and knots.

Colour: creamy white to cream.

TOW 2

Darker colour allowed. Small percentage of line fibre, long white cuttings, and not entirely free of dust, but entirely free of sweepings and knots.

Notes relating to Grades 1, A, 2, 3L, 3, UG and SCWF—

- (a) All grades to be of parallel packing, no ties or knots, free of dampness and excessive baling pressure.
- (b) The word “**harshness**” included in the definitions of Grades 1, A, and 2 only refers to fibre from which the gum has not been sufficiently extracted by cleaning, and does not apply to fibre which is coarse in texture owing to soil or climatic conditions.