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0. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 31 July 1975, after the draft finalized by the Fruits and Vegetables Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.
- 0.2 Cashew kernels are extracted from cashew nuts by roasting, shelling and peeling. Extracted kernels are then graded.
- 0.3 The total area under cashew cultivation in India is about 500 000 hectares. An additional area of 250 000 hectares is expected to be brought under cultivation in the near future, 95 percent of total output of cashew kernels is exported, major importers being USA, USSR, Western Europe and Australia. For this export-oriented industry, the need for quality control and preshipment inspection was realized as early as 1963, when preshipment inspection was introduced compulsorily. For the purpose, a grading scheme was evolved and this is now being considered for compiling an ISO standard through its ISO/TC 34/SC 3/WG 4 Dry and Dried Fruits.
- 0.4 This standard has, therefore, been prepared to stimulate international thinking vis-a-vis consolidation of India's viewpoint in the matter.
- 0.5 The international trade of cashew kernels is still conducted in FPS units. In this standard, therefore, metric as well as FPS units have been given. It is hoped that with the adoption of metric units by importing countries, FPS units would be deleted from this standard at an early date.
- 0.6 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS: 2-1960*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for kernels obtained from cashew duts (Anacardium occidentale Linnaeus).

^{*}Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised).

2. REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 General Characteristics Cashew kernels shall be obtained through roasting, shelling and peeling cashew nuts (Anacardium occidentale Linnaeus). The kernels shall be reasonably dry. They shall have the characteristic shape. They may be either scorched or unscorched and in the form of wholes or pieces.
- **2.2 Freedom from Moulds, Insects, etc** Cashew kernels should be free from living insects and moulds and should be practically free from dead insects, insect fragments and rodent contamination visible to the naked eye (corrected if necessary, for abnormal vision) with such magnification as may be necessary in any particular case. If the magnification exceeds $\times 10$, this fact should be stated in test report.
- 2.3 Extraneous Matter Cashew kernels should be practically free from extraneous matter, such as stones, dirt or any other foreign matter.
- 2.4 Grades The grade designations, trade names and characteristics of cashew kernels are given in Appendix A.

3. PACKING AND MARKING

3.1 Packing

3.1.1 Cashew kernels should be packed in new, clean, dry and leak-proof containers and the containers shall be securely closed and sealed in such a manner that the cashew kernels remain in an inert atmospheric conditions inside the container.

3.2 Marking

- 3.2.1 The following particulars should be marked or labelled on each container:
 - a) Name of the material;
 - b) Name and address of the packer/manufacturer;
 - c) Net mass;
 - d) Grade of the material;
 - e) Name of the country, where packed; and
 - f) Any other marking required by the purchaser.

4. SAMPLING

4.1 Representative samples of the material for testing conformity to this specification shall be drawn according to the method given in Appendix E of IS: 4624-1968*.

^{*}Specification for dehydrated peas.

5. METHODS OF TEST

5.1 Samples of cashew kernels should be tested for conformity with the requirements of this specification by visual examination. In respect of grades W 180 to W 500 (see A-1), the count should be checked by weighing a kilogram or pound of the material and counting the kernels. Percentage of pieces and kernels of the next lower grade, if any, should also be ascertained and recorded. In respect of grades B to DS (see A-4 to A-6) sieving test using the sieve sizes specified in the relevant grade should be conducted and the percentage of the material not conforming to the relevant grade should be checked with the tolerance limit (see Note under A-1).

APPENDIX A

(Clause 2.4)

GRADE DESIGNATIONS, TRADE NAMES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CASHEW KERNELS

A-1. CASHEW KERNELS (WHOLE)

SL No.	GRADE DESIGNATION	Number of Kernels Per kg or lb (See 0.5)	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i) ii) iii) iv) v) vii) viii)	W 240 W 280 W 320 W 400 W 450	265 to 395 (120 to 180) 440 ,, 465 (200 ,, 210) 485 ,, 530 (220 ,, 240) 575 ,, 620 (260 ,, 280) 660 ,, 705 (300 ,, 320) 770 ,, 880 (350 ,, 400) 880 ,, 990 (400 ,, 450) 990 ,, 1100 (450 ,, 500)	Cashew kernels shall have the characteristic shape, shall be white, pale ivory or light ash in colour; shall be reasonably dry and free from damaged kernels and black or brown spots. They shall be completely free from rancid kernels. The kernels shall be completely free from testa.

Note — Broken kernels and kernels of the next lower grade, if any, shall not together exceed 5 percent by weight at the time of packing.

A-2. SCORCHED CASHEW KERNELS (WHOLE)

SL No.	GRADE DESIGNATION	TBADE NAME	CHARACTEBISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	sw	Scorched wholes	Cashew kernels shall have the characteristic shape, shall be reasonably dry and free from damaged kernels and black spots and testa. They shall be completely free from rancid kernels. The kernels may be light brown, light ivory, light ash or deep ivory in colour due to scorching as a result of overheating.

NOTE — Broken kernels and kernels of the next lower grade, if any, shall not together exceed 5 percent by weight at the time of packing.

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A-3. DESSERT CASHEW KERNELS (WHOLE)

Sı No.	GRADE DESIGNATION	Trade Name	BLEMISH	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i)	SSW	Scorched whole's second or scorched wholes IA	Slightly shirvelled kernels	Cashew kernels shall have the characteristic shape, shall be reasonally dry and free from testa. Slightly scorched kernels and kernels with slight speckling and discolouration permitted. They shall be completely free from rancid kernels. The kernels may also be immature. The kernels may be light brown, light blue or light ivory in colour due to scorching.
ii)	DW	Dessert wholes		Cashew kernels shall have the characteristic shape, shall be reasonably dry and free from testa. Scorched, discoloured, speckled and shrivelled kernels permitted. Rancid kernels not permitted. The kernels may show deep black spots.

Note — Broken kernels or kernels of the next lower grade, if any, shall not together exceed 5 percent by weight at the time of packing.

A-4. CASHEW KERNELS (WHITE PIECES)

SL No.	GRADE DESIG- NATION	Trade Name	Description	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i)	В	Butts	Kernels broken crosswise and naturally attached	Cashew kernels shall be white, pale ivory or light ash in colour; reasonably dry and free from damaged kernels and black spots. They shall be completely free from rancid kernels. The pieces shall be completely free from testa.
ii)	S	Splits	Kernels split naturally length- wise	do
iii)	LWP	Large white pieces	Kernels broken into more than two pieces and not passing through a 4.75-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*). Note — Equivalent to 4 mesh ASTM or 16 SWG sieves.	do

^{*}Specification for test sieves (revised).

Sr No.	GRADE DESIG- NATION	Trade Name	Description	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
iv)	SWP	Small white pieces	Broken kernels smaller than those described as LWP but not passing through a 2.80-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*) Note — Equivalent to 6 mesh BS or 20 SWG sieves.	Cashew kernels shall be white, pale ivory or light ash in colour and shall be reasonably dry and free from damaged kernels and black spots. They shall be completely free from rancid kernels. The pieces shall be completely free from testa.
v)	ВВ	Baby bits	Plomules and broken kernels smaller than those described as SWP but not passing through a 1.70-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*) NOTE — Equivalent to 10 mesh BS or 24 SWG sieves.	do

Note — Up to 5 percent by weight of the next lower grade or pieces at the time of packing.

A-5. CASHEW KERNELS (SCORCHED PIECES)

SL No.	GRADE DESIG- NATION	Trade Name	DESCRIPTION	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i)	SB	Scorched butts	Kernels broken crosswise and naturally attached	Cashew kernels shall be reasonably dry and free from damaged kernels, black spots and testa. They shall be free from rancid kernels. The pieces may be light brown or deep ivory in colour due to scorching as a result of overheating.
ii)	SS	Scorched splits	Kernels split naturally length- wise	do
iii)	SP	Scorched pieces	Kernels broken into pieces and not passing through a 4.75-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460- 1962*)	do
iv)	SSP	Scorched small pieces	Broken kernels smaller than those described as SP but not passing through a 2 80-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*)	do
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Note — Up to 5 percent by weight of the next lower grade or pieces at the time of packing.

^{*}Specification for test sieves (revised).

A-6. DESSERT CASHEW KERNELS (PIECES)

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SL No.	GRADE DESIG- NATION	Trade Name	Des cription	BLEMISH	CHARACTERISTICS
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
i)	SPS	Scorched pieces seconds or scorched pieces IA	Kernels broken into pieces but not passing through a 4.75-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*)	Pieces of shrivell- ed kernels. May be deformed due to imma- ture nuts and black spots	Cashew kernels shall be reasonably dry and free from testa. Scorched pieces with surface speckling and discolouration permitted. The kernels may be light brown, deep ivory or light to deep blue in colour. May be deformed due to immature nuts and may have spots. They shall be free from rancid kernels.
ii)	DP	Dessert pieces	Kernels broken into pieces but not passing through a 4.75-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*)	More shrivelled than those de- scribed as SPS and deeply scorched	Cashew kernels shall be reasonably dry and free from testa. Scorched pieces may have surface speckling and discolouration. The kernels may be light brown, deep ivory or light to deep blue in colour. May be deformed due to immature nuts and may have spots. They shall be free from rancid kernels.
iii)	DSP	Dessert small pieces	Kernels of the same description as, but smaller than DP and not passing through a 2.80-mm IS Sieve (see IS: 460-1962*)	-	do
iv)	DB	Dessert butts	Kernels broken crosswise and naturally at- tached	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	do
v)	DS	Dessert splits	Kernels split naturally length- wise	-	do
	Norm -	. I In to 10 per	cent by weight of th	e next lower grade	at the time of packing

Note — Up to 10 percent by weight of the next lower grade at the time of packing.

^{*}Specification for test sieves (revised).

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