HIDES GRADING AND MARKING RULES

1. Short title and application.- (1) These rules may be called the Hides Grading and Marking Rules, 1937 (2) They shall apply to hides produced in India.

2. Grade designation.- Grade designations to indicate the quality of hides (kids, buffaloes and calves) are set out in column 1 of Schedule-I.

3. Definition of quality.- The quality indicated by such grade designation is set out against such designations, in columns 2 to 11 of Schedule I.

4. Grade designation marks.- The grade designation mark shall be indicated by 2,3 or 4 holes of ¼" diameter, representing AB or C grades respectively.

5. Method of marking.- The holes shall be punched on each hide at the root of the tail at a distance of ¼ " from each other and shall be arranged as shown in Schedule II. A lead seal bearing the word AGMARK on one side and a letter representing one of the weight groups, namely H, M, L, or C, as the case may be, on the other, shall be secured to each hide by a piece of twine tag which should be passed through all the holes. The place of packing shall also be indicated on the lead seal in code letters.

SCHEDULE I

(See Rules 2 and 3)

Grade designations and definition of quality for hides (kids, buffaloes and calves) produced in India

Definition of quality

Special characteristics respecting state or condition

Grade Design-nation	Constitutional	Branding Iron marks	Hair side Pox, scab, sores and skin disease marks	Marks due to external injuries	Scratches
1	2	3	4	5	6
A.	Hides from young or middle aged animal with no rib marks or signs of emaciation.	Not allowed	No pox, score or marks of skin diseases allowed but one small scab and a small sore may be allowed if not on the butt.	Not allowed	One small superficia scratch not affecting grain allowed if wit in 4 inches of the ou edge of the neck or Belly portion only.
B.	Slight rib marks allowed	Not more than one brand mark allowed which may only be on the belly neck or cheek.	No pox or skin disease marks allowed. Two small scabs or sores allowed if not on the butt. In the case of kids and buffalo hides these may be on the butt pro vided they are within 2 inches of the line of the spine.	Permitted on belly $	Superficial scratches not affecting the gra allowed.
C**	Rib marks freely allowed	At least, one half of the hide shall be free from brand marks,	At least half the hide shall be unaffected.	Allowed if On neck belly or b e l	Reasonably free fro deep scratches.

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SCHEDULE I cont.

General characteristics

Flesh side			Trimmed weight prior to curing		
Flayer's marks and Cuts	Warbles and warble holes*	State or condition	Weight groups	Limits of weight Buffalo hides	Kid
7	8	9	10	11	12
No deep cuts allowed. Not more than 4 shallow cutts other than on the butt permitted.$	One open and not more than 3 blind warbles allowed.	They hides shall be reasonably clean and free from flesh, fat and extraneous matter. Horns, ears feet (from above the fetlocus) and tail (beyond 4 inched) shall be removed.			
Shallow cuts allowed and one deep cut allowed If not on the butt.	Not more than 5 open and 8 blind warbles allowed.	Do.	Heavy (H)	60 lb. and over.	28 lb. and over
			Medium (M)	40 to 60 lb.	
18 to 28Ib.					
Shallow cutts allowed a reasonable number of deep cuts or holes permitted if not on the batt.	Not more than 10 open and a reasonable number or blind warbles allowed	Do.	Light (L)	25 to 40 Ib.	8 to 18
			Calf (C)	under 25 Ib.	Under 8

* Warble holes are holes or spots which can be opened with a blunt skewer.

! Shallow cuts are cuts not exceeding one-fourth of the thickness of the hid.

**Bull hides weighing over 12 Ib. shall not be graded higher than C. Young bull hides up to 12 Ib. may be placed in B grades but not in A. $ In the case of heavy and medium weight buffaloes only "One sore or cut mark on the hair of flesh side within two inches of the spine" may be permitted.,

SCHEDULE- II

(See Rule 5)

Grade designation marks for hides and the method of marking