

## HIDES AND SKINS

Government of Pakistan  
**FOOD AGRICULTURE DIVISION**  
(Agriculture Division)  
NOTIFICATION  
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**S.R.O. 773 (K), 66:-** In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 (1 of 1937), the Central Government is pleased to make the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by the said section, namely;

### THE HIDES AND SKINS (GRADING AND MARKING) RULES. 1966

1. **Short title and application: -**
  - i) These Rules may be called the hides and skins (Grading and Marking) rules, 1966.
  - ii) They shall apply to hides and skins meant for export out of Pakistan.
2. **Definitions :** In these rules, unless there is any thing repugnant in the subject or context:
  - a) "breadth" is the measurement in hides and skins in the middle of the hind and fore legs perpendicular to the spinal line;
  - b) "cut" means any cut all the way through the thickness of a hides or skins or a score deep enough up to the base of hair roots
  - c) "length" is the measurement in hides and skins from the cut end of the neck to the root of the tail;
  - d) "Schedule" means a Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. **Cures :** - The cures : The cures to which cattle and buffalo hides and goat and sheep skins shall conform are set out in column 1 of Schedules I,II,III,IV, V,VI,VII and VIII.
4. **Classifications :-** The Classifications to which cattle and buffalo hides and goat and sheep skins shall conform are set out in columns 2,3,4 and 5 of Schedules I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII and VIII.
5. **Grades Designation :-** Grade designations to indicate the quality of cattle and buffalo hides and goat and sheep skins shall conform are set out in column 6 of Schedules I,II,III,IV, V,VI,VII and VIII.
6. **Specifications :-** The special characteristics of cattle and buffalo hides and goat and sheep skins in respect of various grades are specified in column 7,8,9and 10 of Schedules I,II,III,IV, V,VI,VII and VIII.
7. **"Pak mark" Marking :** The Grade designation marks and other markings on the bales or bundles of hides or skins shall consist of :
  - a) Pak Mark Seal with the words "Government of Pakistan" in the upper half and "Pakmark" in the lower half and a star and crescent in the middle.
  - b) Description of the kind of hides or skins indicating species.
  - c) cure
  - d) classification indicating weight or measurement class.
  - e) grade designation and
  - f) consignment number comprising the name of the hides or skins market serial number of the consignment and number of the individual bale or bundle in the consignment, as shown in Schedule IX.

**8. Method of Grading and Testing :**

- (a) Classification, Packing and Marking of hides or skins shall be done in the hides and skins markets, according to the instructions issued from time to time by the Agricultural and Livestock Marketing Adviser (formerly Agricultural Marketing and Statistical Adviser to the Government of Pakistan.
- (b) Marking of grade designation on bales or bundles shall be done after testing the samples from consignments of hides or skins in any of the Hides and Skins Test Houses.
- © A certificate of quality in the form given in Schedule X and XI shall be issued for hides and skins, respectively by the Agricultural and Livestock Marketing Adviser (formerly Agricultural Marketing and Statistical Adviser or any other officer duly authorized by him on his behalf.
- (d) The rejected bales or bundles shall be marked "Rejected" in indelible color.

**9. Method of Packing :** Hides or skins shall be packed in a bales or bundles properly secured. All hides or skins in a bale or bundle shall be of one species, same cure and class category and of the same grade. All bales or bundle shall be approximately of the same size and weight within usual commercial limits.

**10. Method of Marking:**

- (a) One long side of a bale or bundle shall be reserved for makings by the hides and skins grading staff.
- (b) At hides and skins market where baling or packing is done, the hides and skins grading staff shall mark every such bale or bundle according to the instructions issued by the Agricultural and Livestock Marketing Adviser (formerly Agricultural Marketing and Statistical Adviser) from time to time.
- (c) Grade Designation : shall be stenciled by the hides and skins grading staff on each bale or bundle in indelible color.

**11. Expenses for grading and testing:** Expenses for the grading and testing of hides and skins shall be paid to the Central Government, in such manner as the Agricultural and Livestock Marketing Adviser (formerly Agricultural Marketing and Statistical Adviser) may directed at the rate of Rs.1.50 per 100 lbs. of hides and Rs. 6.00 per 100 lbs for skins, subject to a minimum of twenty five rupees for each consignment of hides or skins examined and tested by the grading staff.

**12. Special conditions of authorization:** In addition to the conditions specified in rule 4 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1937, the conditions set out below shall be the conditions of every Certificate of Authorization issued for the purposes of these rules, namely:-

- (a) The premises of the authorized hides and skins merchants and packing centers concerned shall be clean and tidy and shall provide adequate space and facilities for curing, sorting, packing, weighing, storage, official inspection and marking of hides or skins;
- (b) The bales or bundles shall be presented for inspection and for drawing of samples in a suitably covered area and no bales or bundles spoiled by rain, water or otherwise shall be accepted for sampling and marking;
- (c) Authorized merchants shall provide labour needed for shifting, weighing, opening , etc., of bales or bundles in connection with their inspection, sampling and marking at all hides and skins markets whenever needed; and
- (d) All instructions regarding method of preparation sampling, testing, marking and inspection of hides and skins before and after packing and the maintenance of records thereof, issued by Agricultural and Livestock Marketing Adviser (formerly Agricultural Marketing and Statistical Adviser) from time to time, shall be observed strictly by all concerned.