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## Revision in Norms regards to Trash and Moisture

A meeting of ICAL's Board of Directors held on Saturday 8th, October 2022 at Association Office. During this meeting norms and rules in regards to Trash, Moisture and quality issues were reviewed.

It was discussed that cotton bales of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are also dispatched to cotton buyers based in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh or other parts of India. It was agreed that it is not possible to get report of Trash, Moisture and Quality issue within 10 days. Therefor, it was decided that stipulation of informing Ginners/Suppliers about these issues by the buyers should be extended to 12 days from date of dispatch.

Here after norms regards to Trash, Moisture and Quality issues will be as follows:-

Trash:- Maximum 4.00% (In case of Roller Ginned)  
Maximum 4.50% (In case of Saw Ginned)

Invisible loss is not a part of trash. In case if trash is higher from maximum permissible limit then buyer will be entitled to deduct in ratio of 1:1

Moisture:- Maximum 9.00%.  
Moisture condition will be applicable from 1st October onwards every season. In case if moisture is higher from maximum permissible limit then buyer will be entitled to deduct in ratio of 1:1

To make trade terms transparent the following rules were revised as under, in regards to trash and moisture.

1. Buyer and Seller will mutually agree for a testing Lab at the time of bargain. Both parties will also mutually decide about a reference Lab based in Northern India for re-testing. In case either of the party is not satisfied with original results and in absence of clause of reference Lab at the time of bargain, testing and re-testing at Buyer's Lab will be final.
2. If Buyer and seller has agreed for a reference Lab, at the time of bargain and either of the parties want to get sample re-tested, the following procedure will be adopted for re-testing.
  - a) A Sample will be drawn in the presence of representatives of both parties.
  - b) This sample will be sealed.

- c) Sealed sample will be tested at reference Lab in presence of both parties.
  - d) Results obtained at reference Lab will be final and will be binding on both parties.
  - e) Testing charges will be borne by the party who is proved wrong.
3. Buyer and Seller will mutually agree at the time of bargain, on the following issues of moisture testing.
- a) Moisture testing is to be carried out at Gin or at Mill.
  - b) Moisture testing is to be done by Moisture Meter or by Oven testing method.

In absence of any clarifications, on the above two clauses it will be deemed as that the Seller has agreed for oven testing method at mills.

4. If any ginneris giving lower trash then maximum permissible limit then it should clarify with the buyer at the time of bargain about its entitlement for credit note. In case, if there is no clarity on this issue, it will be taken as buyer is not liable for issuing any credit note.
5. All deductions relating to quality, trash and moisture will be made on cotton value only.
6. Trader/Commission agent can deduct trash, moisture and quality allowance equal to deductions made by mill from its ginner/supplier. Deducted amount may vary but percentage of trash, moisture and quality allowance deducted issame as pointed out by the mills.

Ginner/Supplier can ask for original deduction chart/debit note from trader/commission agent. If it is found that trader/commission agent is deducting more then what had been deducted by mill then claim of trader/commission agent on quality, trash and moisture for these bales will be scrapped.

7. Buyer must inform to Ginner/Supplier about test result of Trash, Moisture and quality within 12 days of dispatch. To avoid any controversy about information of result, buyer is advised to E-mail test result.

Incase if, this information is not provided by the buyer within stipulated time, it is option of the seller to accept claim or not.

8. If original results informed by the buyer, are not acceptable to seller then seller can go for retesting within 5 days from date of intimation of result.