

(Authoritative English text of this Department Notification No. AGR-BOB/25/2023-Agri-B dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024 as required under clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India)

Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Agriculture

**NOTIFICATION**

No. AGR-BOB/25/2023-Agri-B

Dated Shimla-2,

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024

Whereas, the draft notification No. AGR-B0B/25/2023-Agri-B was published in (e-Gazette) on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024, for inviting objections and suggestion(s) from the person(s)/parties(s) likely to be affected thereby, and

Whereas, the suggestions/objections received in this behalf within the stipulated time period have been duly considered by the State Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in him under section 19(2) of the Himachal Pradesh Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development & Regulation) Act, 2005 in supersession of all the previous orders/notifications/circular issued to exercise control over purchase and sale of apple a scheduled item of agricultural produce, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to declare his intention of exercising control over purchase and sale of apple, a scheduled item of agricultural produce in the market area as specified in notification No. Agr.A(4)-1/2006 dated 23.12.2006 to ensure freshness and quality of the fruit further to realize remunerative price, shall be as such in the manner as specified below:-

Maximum ceiling for RSC (Regular Slotted Container)/CFB (Corrugated Fiber Board) /Universal carton

Proposed Grade of Apples	Approximate weight of Apples (gms.)	Number of Apples per Tray	Number of Trays	Number of Apples per box	Average weight of the apples per box (kg)
Extra large	221-280	20	4	80	20.00
Large	181-220	20	5	100	20.00
Medium	141-180	25	5	125	20.125
Small	127-140	30	5	150	20.025
Extra Small	111-126	35	5	175	20.075
Pitu	90-110	40	5 CFB Separators	200	20.00

**Specification of the universal carton:**

Sr. No.	Constituents	Quality parameters for Universal Carton for Packaging of 20 Kg Apples
1.	Dimensions (mm) Length X Breadth X Height	a) 500 x 300 x 310 $\pm$ 2 mm, for extra-large size, extra small size and extra pittu size. b) 500 x 300 x 330 $\pm$ 2mm; for large size, medium size and small grade size
2.	Ply for (Universal Carton)	5 Ply

3.	Tare weight (in Grams)	Not less than 950gms.
4.	Bursting Strength (Kg/Cm <sup>2</sup> )	18 Kg $\pm$ 2%
5.	Compression Strength (kgf) at 27 <sup>0</sup> $\pm$ 2 <sup>0</sup> c for 24 Hrs. and humidity 65 $\pm$ 2%	Not less than 450 Kg.
6.	Cobb value ( Water Absorption gms/m <sup>2</sup> for 30 minutes as per IS-4006 (part-I)1966	<120 $\pm$ 5%
7.	Moisture %age (at the time of testing)	Not less than 8% and more than 10%
8.	Style of Carton	Universal Carton 5 ply CFB, RSC type with 02 nos. of 25 mm diameter ventilation holes at each end of the box
9.	Manufactures Joint	By Staple pins/Gluing

However, the classification, variety, nature of produce available for marketing in the market area as specified above, such as its geographical indication, quality, nutritious value, value addition, if any, residual effect such as use of any insecticides/pesticides/fungicides, waxing and whether organic produce, certification thereto etc., same may be mentioned on the label to be affixed on the standard carton.

By Order

Secretary (Agriculture) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024

Endst.No. as above dated

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action:-

1. All the Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Heads of the Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Director of Agricultural Marketing Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171005.
5. Managing Director, HP State Agricultural Marketing Board, Vipnan Bhawan, Khalini, Shimla-171002.
6. All the Managing Directors/Registrars of Boards, Corporations and Universities.
7. The Registrar, Himachal Pradesh High Court, Shimla-1.
8. ALR-cum-Under Secretary (Law) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
9. All the Secretaries Agricultural Produce Market Committee viz, Shimla & Kinnaur, Solan, Sirmaur, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu and Lahaul Spiti at Kullu, Mandi, Una and Chamba.
10. E-gazette.
11. Guard File.

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Deputy Secretary (Agriculture) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh