

(PREVIEW)
Indian Standard
SPECIFICATION FOR
CANNED BITTER GOURD (*KARELA*)

FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 30 September 1976, after the draft finalized by the Fruits and Vegetables Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.

0.2 The trade in canned bitter gourd (*KARELA*) is on increase. It is, however, necessary to ensure the quality of the product, if the demand is to be maintained and further developed. In order to ensure proper quality, it is desirable to have strict quality control based on specifications. It was, therefore, found necessary to formulate an Indian Standard specification for this product.

0.3 This standard was first issued in 1965. The Sectional Committee responsible for preparation of this standard felt that this specification be reviewed. In this revision definition of the term 'blemished' has been modified and new term 'disintegrated unit' has been added. Further, requirements, such as general, vacuum, head space, arsenic, lead, copper, zinc and net content in different can sizes have also been modified. Requirements for defects have been made more precise and reference to relevant Indian Standard for packing material has been incorporated.

0.4 In the preparation of this standard, due consideration has been given to the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 and the Fruit Products Order, 1955. However, this standard is subject to the restrictions imposed under these statutes, wherever applicable.

0.5 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 prescribes the requirements for bitter gourd (*KARELA*) (*Momordica charantia* Linn.) canned in brine.