

IS 920: 1972

The Indian Standard IS 920: 1972 titled 'Common salt and cattle licks for animal consumption', was first revised on October 12, 1972 incorporating the provisions of IS 920:1958 (Specification for Common Salt for Animal Consumption) and IS 1291:1958 (Specification for Cattle Licks-Plain and Mineralized). The standard outlines specifications for animal consumption and supplementing cattle diets. It consolidates previous standards, ensuring common salt is suitable for both Animal consumption and Cattle licks.

The standard mandates that common salt be crystalline, white or pale-pink or grey in colour, free from harmful contaminants, adulterants & impurities, with a maximum moisture content of 6%. Key quality requirements include a minimum chloride content of 94% and a maximum of 1% insoluble matter, with method of tests as specified in IS 253.

Cattle licks can be Plain or Mineralised, shall be in the form of solid blocks or bricks with a hole to facilitate pegging. Similar cleanliness is required, and they must be sturdy to avoid crumbling. The moisture limit remains at 6% max, a minimum chloride content of 94% with specific nutritional requirements including minimum levels of Iron (0.13%), Iodine (0.003%), Copper (0.035%), Manganese (0.20%), and Cobalt (0.001%) with method of tests as specified in IS 253 and IS 7874(Part-2).

Packaging can be in bulk, secured and include details like the Product name, name of manufacturer, Mass of block, Trade-mark, batch number and packing date.