

WHOLE SPICE

Whole Green Cardamom

Elettaria cardamomum (L.) Maton

Cardamom is graded almost entirely on capsule size and colour, and the Gulf market — by far the largest importer of Indian cardamom — buys in millimetres: 8 mm, 7 mm, 6 mm. Larger, greener and more aromatic means a materially higher price, so grade honesty matters more here than in any other line. We source at the Bodinayakanur and Vandanmedu auctions, screen to size, and declare volatile oil on every offer.

BOTANICAL NAME	HS CODE (WHOLE)	VOLATILE OIL	CAPSULE SIZE
Elettaria cardamomum (L.) Maton	09083100	≥ 4.0 ml/100 g	6 mm – 8 mm+, screened

GRADES

Grades and differentiators

GRADE	CHARACTER AND TYPICAL USE	KEY VALUE
AGEB 8 mm — Extra Bold	Largest capsules, deep parrot green. The premium Gulf grade.	8.0 mm+
AGB 7 mm — Bold	Bold, uniformly green. The volume export grade.	7.0 – 8.0 mm
AGS 6 mm — Superior	Smaller capsule, still green and aromatic. Blending and grinding.	6.0 – 7.0 mm
Seeds / decorticated	Hulled seed for extraction, bakery and instant mixes.	—

TECHNICAL

Typical export specification

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	METHOD
Moisture	≤ 11.0%	IS 1907 / ASTA 2.0
Volatile oil	≥ 4.0 ml/100 g (8 mm ≥ 5.0)	ASTA 5.0
Capsule size	Per grade, screened 6/7/8 mm	Mechanical screening
Colour	Uniform parrot green, minimal yellowing	Visual
Empty & malformed capsules	≤ 3.0%	ASTA 14.0
Immature & shrivelled	≤ 3.0%	ASTA 14.0
Extraneous matter	≤ 0.5%	ASTA 14.0
Total ash (dry basis)	≤ 9.0%	AOAC 941.12
Acid insoluble ash	≤ 2.5%	AOAC 941.12
Pesticide residues	Within EU MRLs (Reg. 396/2005) — screened every lot	LC-MS/MS & GC-MS/MS
Salmonella	Absent in 25 g	ISO 6579

Read this as indicative. Figures reflect standard Indian export practice and common buyer specifications for this line. The binding specification is the one written into your contract and confirmed on the pre-shipment certificate of analysis, issued by an NABL-accredited laboratory before the container is sealed. We will work to a tighter buyer specification where your process demands it.

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