



SOP FOR BUYBACK OF GINGER

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Rationale and Objectives

Owing to the drastic fall of ginger market, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MoAF) has directed for activation of buyback scheme to facilitate the marketing of Gingers across the country. The proposed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to ensure better coordination of market intervention for gingers.

Scope of SOP

- This SOP applies to all levels of interventions from areas of production to the point of export to be facilitated by FCBL through all notified border gates.

Quality Standards

- The growers shall ensure the commodity is well sorted at source with no mixture of grades and foreign matters
- The Commodity should meet the minimum standards prescribed by FCBL when as shown below:

Ginger Quality Parameters
a) It should be fresh harvest not older than one week b) Well Graded (Palm Size and Broken) c) Free of soil, rots, shrinkages and foreign materials d) Packed properly through usage of perforated leno pp bags e) Free of physical damages

- Dzongkhag and Gewog Agricultural Officers shall closely monitor and guide the growers for quality assurance.
- FCBL, as the buyer, has the full authority to reject in part or full quantity if the quality is found to be not in conformation to their specification.

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Purchase of Commodity

- The Dzongkhags/Gewogs shall, in coordination with the farmers, make necessary arrangement to dispatch the commodity to the respective identified collection points.
- The marketing facilitation services for the commodity shall be extended only to farmers and services to local traders will not be entertained.
- Dispatch of commodities shall be carried out in close consultation with FCBL to avoid long waiting hours.
- Sorting, grading and packing shall be carried out by the growers at source at their own expenses.
- FCBL shall deduct two kilograms from each bag to adjust the weight of the packing material, soil traces and weight loss.
- Each bag of ginger will be thoroughly weighed in kilograms to avoid any discrepancies.

Transportation

- The growers shall be responsible for transporting the goods to the collection point from the source at their expense and also execute loading and unloading at the Collection point.
- The commodity shall be delivered to the collection point based on the schedule that may be agreed between Dzongkhags and FCBL officials.
- The growers shall arrange the transportation, negotiate the transportation charges and make the payment to the transporters up to the identified collection points as per their mutual agreement.
- The arrangement of transportation from the source to collection point must follow COVID-19 protocols at all times.
- Dzongkhag and Gewog Agricultural Officers shall coordinate and render support to the growers as and when necessary.
- Transportation from the Collection point to market destination shall be undertaken and coordinated by FCBL.

Payment by the buyers

- FCBL shall make the payment to the growers purely based on the different grades and quality of the commodity supplied as specified in the annexure i.
- The payment to the farmers will be made within three working days from the date of delivery. FCBL shall opt for online payment to the growers wherever possible.

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Containment of COVID-19

- All the parties involved shall ensure strict compliance to the COVID-19 protocols at all levels.
- In case of breach of COVID-19 protocols by any party, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be dealt as per the laws of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

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Ginger category/Grade	Approved price	Description
Grade A: Palm size (Panja)	Nu. 45/kg	The ginger should be of superior quality. The roots must be cleaned, well-shaped, palm sized and free of defects and healthy.
Grade B: Broken but of decent size (Tukrey)	Nu. 35/kg	The ginger under this grade should be of good quality inferior to only grade A category especially when it comes to size (Broken but of decent size). The roots must be firm, without evidence of shriveling or dehydration.
Grade C: Ginger from Black soil (<i>Kalomato</i>).	Nu. 20/kg	The ginger should be of good quality. The roots must be cleaned, well-shaped, free of defects and harvest of black soil.

*** Any shriveled, sprouted, partially rotten or rotten gingers will be rejected on spot.
