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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Cashew nuts has been prepared by the Drafting Committee on Cashew. It was approved by the Agricultural and Chemicals Divisional Committee of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards and was authorised for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau on 5th December, 1973.

The fruit of the cashew tree consists of a nut attached to a false fruit known as the apple or *pulan* which in fact is the swollen pedicel of the flower. The apple is used for the manufacture of wine and to a small extent in the manufacture of pickles and jams. The nut itself is kidney shaped and contains the more valuable part of the fruit, the edible kernel. The shell is about 1/8 in in thickness and is used for the extraction of cashew nut shell liquid (CNSL) utilized in the manufacture of anticorrosive paint, varnishes and brake linings.

Values given in the standard are in Imperial units only.

The assistance derived from the publications of the International Trade Centre, UNCTAD/GATT and the F.A.O. on cashew in the preparation of this standard is gratefully acknowledged.

1 SCOPE

This standard covers the requirements for nuts of the cashew tree Anacardium occidentale Linn.

2 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this standard.

- 2.1 defective (unsound) nuts: Broken, damaged, insect damaged, mouldy, decayed, immature and empty nuts.
- 2.2 defective (unsound) kernels: Insect damaged, mouldy, decayed and immature kernels.
- 2.3 lot: A quantity of nuts offered at a time by one party shall be grouped together to form a lot; each grade shall form a separate lot.