

GCX SESAME SEED CONTRACT

GHANA COMMODITY EXCHANGE(GCX) SESAME SEED CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT CLASSIFICATIONS AND DELIVERY CENTERS

White Sesame seed	Tamale (TA)
	Wa (WA)

2. SESAME SEED GRADING PARAMETERS

2.1 General Requirements

All Sesame seed delivered and stored in a GCX certified warehouse shall have a maximum moisture content of 6% and be sound, matured, well formed, free from rancidity, free from mould filaments visible to the naked eye, free from toxic seeds and other grains, free from pest (living or dead), practically free from damage caused by pests, free from abnormal external moisture, free of foreign smell and/or taste, clean and practically free of any foreign matter.

2.2 Definitions

Sesame Seed	The shelled grains of Sesamum Indicum
Moisture Content	The moisture content, expressed on a wet weight bases, as determined by using a moisture meter with a repeatability of ± 0.3 as indicated by the supplier.
Sound	Sesame seed not affected by rot or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption.
Foreign matter	All organic and inorganic materials (leaves, husk fragments, animal droppings, dead insects, weeds, twigs, detached seed coats, other grains, earth, sand, stone etc.) other than wholesome sesame seeds.
Pest/Insect damaged grains	Kernels with obvious weevil bored holes or which have evidence of boring or tunneling, indicating the presence of insects, insect webbing or insect refuse, or degermed grains, chewed in one or more than one part of the kernel which exhibit evidence of an attack by vermin.
Misshapen	Sesame seed that is so constricted, rigid or otherwise deformed affecting its appearance.
Broken seeds	Sesame seeds with up to a quarter (1/4) of the seed broken.
Discoloured	Sesame Kernels materially discolored by excessive heat, including that caused by excessive respiration and dried damage kernels. Stain or mottling on the surface caused by weather, dirt. Kernels may appear darkened, wrinkled,

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	blistered, puffed or swollen often with discolored damaged germs. The seed may be peeling or may peel off completely, giving kernels a checked appearance.
Other grains	Grains, whole or broken, other than sesame.
Toxic seeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sesame seeds must not include toxic seeds such as Crotalaria seeds, castor beans (<i>Ricinus communis</i>), Cookie burs (<i>Xanthium</i>) etc.
Objectionable Odor	Unpleasant smell that is caused by weathering, chemical contamination, mold infection, disease or damage caused by insects.
Contracting Colour	Sesame seed which differs in colour from the predominant class.

2.3 Classification

No	Class	Color
1	White Sesame Seed	≥ 98 % by weight white or cream colour kernel

2.4 Grading Parameters

GHANA COMMODITY EXCHANGE GRADING STANDARDS FOR SESAME SEED

Parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Moisture Content	6%	6%	6%	6%
Discoloured	0.5%	2.0%	3.0%	5.0%
Misshapen and Broken seeds	0.5%	4.0%	6.0%	10.0%
Foreign Matter	0.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%
Total Defective Grains	1.0%	6.0%	9.0%	15.0%

- An upward adjustment of 1.5% is made to the weight of the grain on deposit to make provision for moisture loss and losses during the handling and storage process.
- Sesame seed shall be free from foreign odours.
- Sesame seed shall be free from glass, dung or metal
- White Sesame seed = min of 98% white or cream
- Total Defective Grains include the sum of discoloured, misshapen and broken seeds.

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- The sampling and grading is done using a work sample of at least 200 gram and is based on the procedures below

AFLATOXIN IS NOT A GRADING PARAMETER BUT NO GRADE 1, 2, 3 or 4 will be accepted by the GCX for trading if the

- Total Aflatoxin level exceed 4ug/kg or 4ppb

Based on regular tests done by an independent laboratory appointed by the GCX.

Sesame seed which does not meet the requirements of Table 2.4 shall not be accepted to be stored at GCX warehouses.

The GCX may not accept sesame seed at all the warehouses based on operational factors such as lack of space, Aflatoxin levels harmful for human consumption, live insect infestation.

PACKAGING	
Packaging	Each grade of sesame seed shall be packed in clean and sound 50 kg capacity polypropylene (PP) bags used no more than once prior to deposit. Delivery will be effective on Net Weight basis, which implies that weighing of sesame seed will be done exclusive of bag basis and no additional payment will be given for the cost of bag.
SAMPLING PROCEDURES	
Sampling Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A representative sample shall be taken from the consignment. The number of bags sampled per consignment will depend on the number of bags delivered <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <25 bags: Every bag shall be sampled b) ≥25 bags: 10 % of consignment (min 25 bags) must be sampled <p>3.The sample shall be ≥ 0.5 kg</p> <p>4.The sample shall be clearly marked.</p> <p>5.The samples shall be taken at different parts on the bags like at the bottom of the bag, in the middle of the bag and on the top of the bag. More than one sample can also be taken from the same bag.</p>
Weighing Procedure	<p>The bags will be weighed by applying the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calibrated scales shall be used.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The operating manual shall be followed. • The equipment shall be clean, empty and balanced (zero) before the process starts.
Grading Procedure	<p>The grading of the sesame seed shall be done according to the grading standards in 2.4, based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A working sample of at least 200grams will be obtained by dividing the grading sample in smaller samples using a Multi slot divider. 2. The moisture content will be measured by using a moisture meter with a repeatability of ± 0.3 as indicated by the supplier. 3. The broken kernels will be calculated by using a 1.0mm round whole metal sieve. The sieve will be pushed 20 times (away and return) on a hard smooth surface. 4. The other grading parameters will be tested by identifying the non-conformed kernels according to the definitions in 2.4 and calculating the percentage.
Disputes during intake	<p>The depositor may request the GCX Warehouse Manager to regrade and resample his sesame seed. Where the depositor is dissatisfied with the grading results, the depositor may request for regrading and resampling in accordance with the GCX dispute resolution process lodged with the warehouse.</p>
Disputes during deliveries (out loading)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The holder of the electronic warehouse receipt may be present when the sesame seed is being graded and weighed. 2. Where the holder of the electronic warehouse receipt is not satisfied with the grading results and the quantity, the GCX Warehouse Manager may repeat the process of sampling and grading. Where the holder of the electronic warehouse receipt is dissatisfied with the results of the regarding and resampling the following shall be carried out: 3. Where quantity is disputed, the scale / weighbridge shall be tested by using the test weights. The quantity / weight shall be accepted as the final quantity where the test weights confirm the weight. Where the scale weighs the test weights incorrectly there is the need to re-calibrate the scale and re-test the weights after which the product will be re-weighed.

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	<p>4. Where the grade result is in dispute, an independent mediator may be requested to grade the sample under dispute;</p> <p>5. The independent expert grader may give an opinion on the sample in dispute;</p> <p>6. The findings of the independent expert grader are final</p> <p>The losing party in the dispute shall be responsible for travel cost, fees of the independent mediator as well as any standing cost of the transport vehicle for pickup of the sesame seed. Consequential damages are excluded from the claim. The independent mediator may be an expert grader from the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA)</p>
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3.0 STANDARD TRADING TERMS

Trading unit	1 Metric Tonne (MT) net weight (in 50kg bags) equivalent to 1000kg . The weight tolerance level per lot upon deposit is +/- 1.5%
Tick size (minimum price movement)	Minimum price increment or decrement by which price may be quoted: 1 Ghana Cedis
Daily Trade Limit	1,000MT for members 500MT for clients The Daily Trade Limit is the total quantity a member or a client is allowed to buy or sell during a trading session.
Weight Tolerance Per Lot	<i>The difference between exact weight recorded and the contract standard weight is adjusted at settlement.</i>
Daily price filter/Price range	The daily price filter is the maximum percentage range, relative to the previous day's closing price, outside of which offer and bid prices may not fall or rise. GCX may change these limits from time to time, on a pre-announced basis. Price Limit For sesame seed: +/- 5%
Warehouse Receipt Expiration Period	The Warehouse Receipt will be tradable for a period of 90 days from the date of Warehouse Receipt issuance.

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Penalty on warehoused goods after expiration of Warehouse Receipt	A penalty of 0.1% per day calculated on the current tradable value of the good, using the closing price of the same grade as the warehoused goods, will be applied after the expiry of the Warehouse Receipt.
Warehouse Receipt	All transactions shall be based on GCX Warehouse Receipt, indicating that commodities are in deposit in a GCX operated or certified warehouse prior to trade.
Contract quote basis	All prices will be quoted “Ex- Warehouse”, exclusive of taxes, fees and charges.
Quotation Factor	Prices are represented in Ghana Cedis per MT
Trading session	Monday through Friday, with the exception of public holidays.

4.0 STANDARD SETTLEMENT TERMS

Pay-in of Funds (Time when funds will be withdrawn from buyer pay-in accounts).	Next working day (T+1)										
Pay-out of Funds (Time when funds will be deposited into seller pay-out account)	Next working day (T+1)										
Trading fees	0.91% of transaction value (Buyer & Seller)										
Regulatory (SEC) fees	0.20% of transaction value (Buyer & Seller)										
Handling and Product Certification fee	The handling and product certification fee will include: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Sampling and Testing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">No charge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Handling (Loading& Offloading)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">GHS1.50 per 50kg bag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Storage & Fumigation (Per Month)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">GHS0.80 per 50kg bag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grading, Weighing and Rebagging</td> <td style="text-align: right;">GHS2.00 per 50kg bag</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electronic Warehouse Receipt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">GHS2.00 per MT</td> </tr> </table>	Sampling and Testing	No charge	Handling (Loading& Offloading)	GHS1.50 per 50kg bag	Storage & Fumigation (Per Month)	GHS0.80 per 50kg bag	Grading, Weighing and Rebagging	GHS2.00 per 50kg bag	Electronic Warehouse Receipt	GHS2.00 per MT
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5.0 STANDARD DELIVERY TERMS

GCX Warehouse Locations	Delivery locations will be GCX certified delivery centers.
Delivery Notice	Warehouse pick-up instructions will be delivered to the Member representing the buyer (T+1)

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Pick Up Notice	Member must fill out a pickup notice (PUN) with the exchange before picking up goods
Delivery Period	Number of days the buyer will have to pick up the lots from the warehouse without paying additional charges is T+10 (calendar days)
Failure to Pick up	Buyer is responsible for making arrangement to pick up commodity by T+10 (calendar days). Buyer will be responsible for all warehouse storage charges after failure to pick up the commodity.
Extension of Delivery Period	The Exchange may extend the delivery period in the event of a force majeure situation

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