

Ecomark Criteria for Coffee

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified 14 product categories and 'food items' is one of these. Food items cover edible oils, tea and coffee. There are general and specific product requirements for each item.

General Requirements:

- All formulation of coffee shall meet relevant standards of BIS pertaining to quality.
- The product manufacturers must produce the consent clearance as per the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977, respectively along with the authorisation, if required, under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules made there under, to BIS while applying for Ecomark. Also, the product shall be in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the rules made there under unless otherwise specified.
- The product must display a list of critical ingredients in descending order of quantity present (C/o. W/W, or V/V). The list of such ingredients shall be identified by BIS.
- The product packaging may display in brief the criteria based on which the product has been labelled environment friendly.
- The material used for product packaging shall be recyclable or biodegradable and the parameters evolved under SLEFP (Scheme on Labelling of Environment-Friendly Products) on the specific subject of packaging shall apply.

Product Specific Requirements:**Coffee**

1.	Coffee beans shall be free from infestation due to insect, fungus and rodents.
2.	Product shall be free from any extraneous matter like strings, stone, dirt, wood, glass and metallic pieces.
3.	Product shall be free from any added colouring, flavouring and also free from rancidity and should have its characteristic flavour.
4.	Product shall be free from adulterants like dandelion and other roots, nerons, fige, date, stones and cereals.
5.	The pesticides residues (if any) in the product shall not exceed the limits as prescribed in Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules made there under

The following BIS standards have incorporated the Ecomark criteria:

Indian Standards	Incorporated Year	Description
IS2791:1992 Reaffirmed 2009	1995	Soluble coffee powder with Ecomark
IS3077:1992 Reaffirmed 2011	1995	Roasted and ground coffee
IS3309:1992 Reaffirmed 2009	1995	Soluble coffee chicory powder
IS3581:1982 Reaffirmed 2012	1995	Grading for green coffee
IS3802:1992 Reaffirmed 2009	1995	Roasted coffee chicory powder

Source: http://cpcb.nic.in/EnvironmentalPlanning/Eco-label/food_items.pdf