

RECOMMENDED PACKAGING FOR MEDICINAL PLANTS PRODUCE*

The recommended packaging for medicinal and aromatic plants produce as per the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines is presented below in table 4.

Table 4: Recommended practice of packaging of medicinal and aromatic plants produce

Type of the Produce	Packaging Options
Woody in nature – roots, stem, wood, woody bark etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gunny Bags 2. Jute Bags 3. Woven Sacks
Annual whole herbs, creepers, twiners, leaves, etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woven sacks with low density liner 2. Jute bags
Fleshy materials-fleshy rhizomes (e.g. Satavari), fruits, fruit rinds (Kokum butter) of flowers (Mahua)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jute bags with high gauge polyethylene liners 2. Woven sacks with high gauge polyethylene liners
Delicate flowers and floral parts – Anthers, Stigma, Petals etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corrugated box with polyethylene liners 2. Card-board box with woven sacks
Gums and resins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air-tight Plastic drums 2. Corrugated box with polyethylene liners
Aromatic plant produces	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air tight High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) containers 2. Fiber board drums with polyethylene liners

*World Health Organization (2003) WHO guidelines on good agricultural and collection practices (GACP) for medicinal plants. World Health Organization, Geneva.