



## SPICE

# Raw Turmeric

**ORIGIN** Tamil Nadu (Erode, Salem) ·  
Telangana (Nizamabad)

**SEASON** Year-Round

**CERTIFICATIONS** APEDA · FSSAI · GAP

## DESCRIPTION

Indian raw turmeric (whole rhizomes / fingers) is the global benchmark for unprocessed turmeric export. India produces over 80% of the world's turmeric, with **Erode** (Tamil Nadu) recognised for the highest curcumin grades (4–5%, specialty up to 6%+) and premium hand-polished appearance, and **Salem** the workhorse for standard polished and unpolished fingers. Zoem sources from FPOs across both districts with full traceability to the source farm. Fingers are graded by length (2–4 cm) and thickness (8–10 mm), lab-tested for curcumin, moisture (<10%), lead (<2 ppm), foreign matter, and pesticide residues against EU/USA MRL lists. Whole-finger form ships better than powder — longer shelf life (24 months), much harder to adulterate, and many buyers prefer to grind at destination for maximum freshness. ASTA cleanliness specifications met for international markets.

## TRADE SPECIFICATIONS

<b>HS Code</b>	09103010 (Turmeric Whole / Finger)
<b>Botanical Name</b>	Curcuma longa L.
<b>Origin States</b>	Tamil Nadu (Erode, Salem), Telangana (Nizamabad)
<b>Forms Available</b>	Polished whole finger, unpolished whole finger
<b>Curcumin Content</b>	3.5% standard · 4–5% Erode premium
<b>Finger Size</b>	2–4 cm length · 8–10 mm thickness
<b>Moisture</b>	<10%
<b>Lead</b>	<2 ppm (NABL tested)
<b>Foreign matter</b>	<1%
<b>Packaging</b>	25kg PP bags (bulk); 50kg jute (bulk); custom retail packs available
<b>Container loading</b>	Approx. 22–24 MT per 40' container (palletised dry)
<b>Shelf life</b>	24 months from packing in cool dry storage
<b>Shipping ports</b>	Chennai, Tuticorin, JNPT
<b>Lead Time</b>	14–21 days from confirmed order.
<b>Transit Times</b>	Gulf: 7–10 days · Europe: 18–25 days · USA: 25–35 days · Australia: 18–22 days.
<b>Indicative Pricing</b>	USD 1.50–2.80 / kg FOB India
<b>Certifications</b>	APEDA, FSSAI, GAP-certified farms, MSME/Udyam, IEC: AXMPP4078J, NABL pre-shipment testing