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PRUNES

Instructions for Scoring Internal Discoloration

Italian Type Prunes showing area of flesh which are translucent or have a yellowish to golden brown tinge and the flesh is not soft or off-flavored should not be scored as damaged or seriously damaged. Prunes should be scored as seriously damaged by internal discoloration when a mid-section crosswise cut shows an area of flesh over 1/4 inch in diameter distinctly brown or darker in color, or when lighter shades of discoloration of the flesh are accompanied by a mushy condition or distinct off flavor or odor. Internal discoloration of prunes is considered a condition factor.

This photograph illustrates the darkest color considered a golden brown tinge. A prune should be scored as seriously damaged if a cross-section cut shows an area more than 1/4 inch in diameter having a darker color than illustrated.

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“GOLDEN BROWN TINGE”
LOWER LIMIT FOR DISCOLORATION
MAY 1990 (Previously July 1967)