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Grades

§51.4400 U.S. No. 1.

"U.S. No. 1" consists of grapes of one variety which are well colored, mature, not crushed, dried, or soft; which are free from mold, decay, berry moth injury, and from serious damage caused by russetting, hail, freezing, mildew, other disease, insects, or other means.

(a) **Tolerances.** In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than a total of 15 percent, by weight, of the berries in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of this grade, including therein not more than 6 percent for berries which are seriously damaged:

Provided, That included in this latter amount there shall be allowed not more than 3 percent for berries which are affected by mold or decay, and not more than 2 percent for dried berries or berries which are affected by berry moth.

§51.4401 U.S. No. 2.

"U.S. No. 2" consists of grapes which meet the requirements and tolerances of U.S. No. 1 grade except that the grapes need be only fairly well colored and except that not more than 3 percent shall be allowed for dried berries or those affected by berry moth.

Unclassified

§51.4402 Unclassified.

"Unclassified" consists of grapes which have not been classified in accordance with any of the foregoing grades. The term "unclassified" is not a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

Definitions

§51.4403 Mature.

"Mature" means that the grapes are juicy, palatable, and have reached the stage of development at which the skin of the berry easily separates from the pulp. Frozen or slightly frosted stock should

¹Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or with applicable State laws and regulations.

not be confused with mature stock.

§51.4404 Well colored.

"Well colored" means that not less than 90 percent, by weight, of the berries show full color characteristic of the variety. Ten percent may show partially or poorly colored berries which are not characteristic of immature berries.

§51.4405 Serious damage.

"Serious damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the processing or freezing quality of the grapes.

§51.4406 Fairly well colored.

"Fairly well colored" means that not less than 75 percent, by weight, of the berries show full color characteristic of the variety. Twenty-five percent may show partially or poorly colored berries which are not characteristic of immature berries.