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# **POULTRY PRODUCTS COLOR DEFECTS**

### Policy

This instruction describes color defect tolerances if stated in the specification.

# Procedure

### I. Color Defects

Color verification can only be determined for products in which a standard exists. When requested, color compliance shall be determined by examining 5 servings, using SPL-2 and the following standards:

# A. Turkey Hams

The color for turkey hams should have a uniform mahogany color. The color shall be within the light to dark tolerance range as shown in the color control chart, dated July 1994.

# **B.** Grilled Chicken Patties

The color for grilled chicken patties should have a uniform caramel color with chargrilled marks. The color shall be within the light to dark tolerance range as shown on the chart "Color Control on Grilled Chicken Patties", dated November 1999.

### C. Oven Roasted

The color for oven roasted chicken should have a uniform caramel color. The color shall be within the light to dark tolerance range as shown on the chart "8-Piece Cutup Oven Roasted Chicken", dated July 2010.

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