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§51.4320 U.S. No. 1.

"U.S. No. 1" consists of raspberries of one variety which are well colored, well developed and not soft, overripe, or broken; which are free from cores, sunscald, mold, and decay, and from damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, shriveling, moisture, disease, insects, mechanical or other means.

(a) Tolerances. In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 10 percent, by volume, of the berries in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of this grade, including therein not more than 5 percent for defects causing serious damage, and including in this latter amount not more than 1 percent for berries which are affected by mold or decay.

§51.4321 U.S. No. 2.

"U.S. No. 2" consists of raspberries of one variety which fail to meet the requirements of the U.S. No. 1 grade but which do not contain more than 10 percent, by volume, of berries in any lot which are seriously damaged by any cause, including therein not more than 2 percent for berries which are affected by mold or decay.

Unclassified

§51.4322 Unclassified.

"Unclassified" consists of raspberries which have not been classified in accordance with either 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.

¹Packing of the product in conformity with the requirements 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.

Application of Tolerances

§51.4323 Application of tolerances.

The contents of individual packages in the lot are subject to the following limitations:

(a) Individual packages may contain not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified:

Provided, That the average for the entire lot is within the tolerance specified.

Definitions

§51.4324 Well colored.

"Well colored" means that the whole surface of the berry shows a color characteristic of a mature berry.

§51.4325 Well developed.

"Well developed" means that the berries shall not be misshapen owing to anthracnose injury, frost injury, lack of pollination, insect injury, or other causes.

§51.4326 Overripe.

"Overripe" means dead ripe or soft, necessitating, immediate consumption.

§51.4327 Damage.

"Damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the raspberries.

§51.4328 Serious damage.

"Serious damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the berry. Berries which are badly deformed, crushed, leaky, moldy, decayed, or which have poor color characteristic of immature berries, or berries from which the core has not been removed, shall be considered as seriously damaged.