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Grade

§51.4380 U.S. No. 1.

"U.S. No. 1" consists of sweet cherries of one variety which are well formed, mature, firm, free from decay, worms, pulled pits, doubles, and free from damage caused by bruises, bird pecks, skin breaks, hail marks, windwhips, limbrubs, russeting, sunscald, scars, shriveling, foreign material, disease, mechanical or other means. (See §51.4381.)

(a) **Tolerances.** In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 10 percent, by count, of the cherries 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 cherries which are affected by decay.

Size

§51.4381 Size.

(a) In addition to the statement of grade, the size of the cherries in any lot may be specified in terms of minimum diameter.

(b) In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing, not more than 10 percent, by count, of the cherries in any lot may be below the size specified.

Definitions

§51.4382 Well formed.

"Well formed" means that the cherry has the shape characteristic of the variety.

§51.4383 Mature.

"Mature" means that the cherries have reached the stage of maturity at which the pit will separate readily from the flesh.

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

§51.4384 Doubles.

"Doubles" means cherries which have the appearance of attached twin cherries.

§51.4385 Damage.

"Damage" means any specific defect described in this section; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the quality of the fruit for brining. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage:

- (a) Bruises, except slight bruises at the stem end;
- (b) Rain cracks and other skin breaks which exceed 1/4 inch in length, except a very thin line encircling the stem end of the fruit; and,
- (c) Superficial scars, windwhips, limbrubs, russeting, and similar scars when light colored and covering more than 15 percent of the surface of the cherry; or when dark colored and affecting an area of more than 1/8 inch in diameter.

§51.4386 Serious damage.

"Serious damage" means any specific defect described in this section; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the quality of the fruit for brining. The following specific defects shall be considered as serious damage:

- (a) Cherries affected by worms;
- (b) Rain cracks and other skin breaks which exceed 1/2 inch in length; and,
- (c) Any injury which seriously affects or causes discoloration of the flesh.

§51.4387 Diameter.

"Diameter" means the greatest dimension, measured through the center of the cherry, at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end.