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Product Description, Moisture, Types and Varieties, Sizes

§52.5801 Product description.

Dried peaches are the halved and pitted fruit of the peach tree (*Prunus persica*) from which the greater portion of moisture has been removed. Before packing, the dried fruit is processed to cleanse the fruit and may be sulfured sufficiently to retain a characteristic color.

§52.5802 Moisture.

Federal inspection certificates shall indicate the moisture content of the finished product which shall be not more than 25 percent by weight.

§52.5803 Types and varieties of dried peaches.

(a) Freestone.

- (1) Muir variety.
- (2) Lovell variety.
- (3) Elberta variety.
- (4) Other freestone varieties or mixed freestone varieties.

(b) Clingstone.

- (1) Midsummer variety.
- (2) Phillips variety.

§52.5804 Size of dried peaches.

- (a) Federal inspection certificates shall indicate the size or combination of sizes of halved peaches found upon examination.
- (b) The various sizes of dried peaches are as follows:

No. 1 Size (Jumbo Size) – 2 inches or larger in diameter.

No. 2 Size (Extra Fancy Size) – 1-3/4 inches to 2 inches in diameter.

No. 3 Size (Fancy Size) – 1-1/2 inches to 1-3/4 inches in diameter.

No. 4 Size (Extra Choice Size) – 1-3/8 inches to 1-1/2 inches in diameter.

No. 5 Size (Choice Size) – 1-1/8 inches to 1-3/8 inches diameter.

No. 6 Size (Standard Size) – Less than 1-1/8 inches in diameter.

- (1) **Diameter** means the shortest measurement across the face of the peach half when restored to its normal shape.
- (2) In determining compliance with size requirements listed above, dried peaches will be considered as of one size if not more than 10 percent by weight of halves vary from the size range.

Grades of Dried Peaches

§52.5805 U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy.

- (a) **U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy** dried peaches possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a practically uniform, bright typical color, characteristic of well-matured peaches. Not more than 5 percent by weight of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice, and none of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard.
- (b) Not more than a total tolerance of 10 percent by weight may be slabs, immature, or may possess pits or pieces of pits; may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **Provided**, That not more than three-tenths of the total tolerance or 3 percent by weight, may possess pits or pieces of pits, not more than two-fifths of the total tolerance, or 4 percent by weight, may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **And further provided**, That, not more than one-tenth of the total tolerance, or 1 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§52.5806 U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice.

- (a) **U.S. Grade B or U.S. Choice** dried peaches possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a reasonably uniform, bright typical color, characteristic of reasonably well-matured peaches. Not more than 10 percent by weight of the fruit may be of a color described in U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard.
- (b) Not more than a total tolerance of 15 percent by weight may be slabs, immature, or may possess pits or pieces of pits; may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **Provided**, That, not more than one-third of the total tolerance, or 5 percent by weight, may possess pits or pieces of pits; not more than one-third of the total tolerance, or 5 percent by weight, may be

affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **And further provided**, That, not more than one-fifteenth of the total tolerance, or 1 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§52.5807 U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard.

- (a) **U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard** dried peaches possess similar varietal characteristics; and possess a fairly uniform typical color, characteristic of fairly well-matured peaches.
- (b) Not more than a total tolerance of 20 percent by weight of the fruit may be slabs, immature, or possess pits or pieces of pits; may be damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; or may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **Provided**, That, not more than one-half of the total tolerance, or 10 percent by weight, may possess pits or pieces of pits; not more than one-fourth of the total tolerance, or 5 percent by weight, may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **And further provided**, That, no more than one-tenth of the total tolerance, or 2 percent by weight, may be affected by decay.

§52.5808 U.S. Grade D or Substandard.

U.S. Grade D or Substandard dried peaches are wholesome and edible fruit that fails to meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C or U.S. Standard: **Provided**, That, not more than 5 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by mold, decay, insect infestation (no live insects are permitted), imbedded dirt, or other foreign material: **And further provided**, That, not more than 2 percent by weight of the total fruit may be affected by decay.

Explanation of Terms

§52.5809 Explanation of terms.

- (a) **Damage or other defects.**
 - (1) **Damaged by discoloration** means that the peaches have become excessively darkened. Darkening of otherwise sound fruit characteristic of fruit held in storage, in keeping with good commercial practice, shall not be considered as damaged by discoloration unless excessively darkened.
 - (2) **Damaged by sunburn** means any substantial damage to color or texture of skin caused by excessive heat from the sun.
 - (3) **Damaged by hail marks, scab, or disease** means that the combined

area of all such defects, or of any one such defect exceeds in the aggregate an area equivalent to the area of a circle three-eighths inch in diameter.

- (4) **Damaged by other similar defects** means any injury or defect or group of defects not mentioned herein which materially affect the appearance, edibility, or keeping quality of the fruit.
- (5) **Damaged by insect injury** means healed or unhealed surface blemishes, and healed or unhealed blemishes in the flesh which materially affect the appearance, edibility, or keeping quality of the fruit but which do not possess evidence of insect infestation.
- (6) **Affected by insect infestation** means that the dried peaches show the presence of insects, insect fragments, or excreta. No live insects are permitted.
- (7) **Affected by imbedded dirt** means the units have sufficient quantities of adhering dirt to give the fruit a dirty, smudgy appearance and dirt which may not be removed readily in washing the fruit.

(b) **Maturity.**

- (1) **Well-matured** means that the peaches are fully ripe.
- (2) **Reasonably well-matured** means that the peaches are firm and may not have reached the fully ripe stage.
- (3) **Fairly well-matured** means that the peaches may be hard but not immature.
- (4) **Immature** means that the peaches are tough or possess green or other color indicative of immature fruit.

(c) **Slabs.** **Slabs** are peaches that have been mashed, broken, or mutilated to the extent that they have lost their normal contour and have become definitely flattened at the edge or rim. A half that has a slightly torn edge is not considered a slab.

Work Sheet

§52.5810 Work sheet and summary of requirements for dried peaches.

Size of case or package				
Markings				
Label or brand				
Net weight				
Size or sizes				
Moisture content				
	A	B	C	D
Color	Minimum requirements			
Grade A color	95%	....	....	....
Grade B color	5%	90%	....	....
Grade C color	....	10%	100%	....
Defects	Maximum tolerances			
Total defects	10%	15%	20%	....
Slabs, and immature; damaged by discoloration, sunburn, hail marks, scab, disease, insect injury, or other similar defects; and	10%	15%	20%	....
Fruit possessing pits or pieces of pits; and	But not more than			
	3%	5%	10%	....
Affected by mold, decay, insect infestation, imbedded dirt, or other foreign material	But not more than			
	4%	5%	5%	5%
Decay	But not more than			
	1%	1%	2%	2%
Grade				