



POULTRY PRODUCTS PHYSICAL DEFECTS

Policy

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

Procedure

I. Physical Characteristics

During the production of products such as nuggets, patties, and franks, some product may become misshapen, joined together (marriages) or fractured (separated into two or more pieces). When specifications list requirements for these types of defects, graders shall select 5 servings from each sampling period's production and apply the defect tolerance for Sample Plan Level 2. Each defective unit shall be recorded once, no matter how many types of defects the unit has.

For cooked bone-in parts, the meat shall not be overcooked, dehydrated, or shrunk to the extent that meat is pulled away from the bone or the muscles are separated from each other.

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