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§ 29.3054 Semicured.
Tobacco in the process of being cured or which is partially but not thoroughly cured. Semicured includes tobacco which contains fat stems, wet butts, swell stems, frozen tobacco, and tobacco having frozen stems or stems that have not been thoroughly dried in the curing process. (See Rule 23.)

§ 29.3055 Side.
A certain phase of quality, color, or length as contrasted with some other phase of quality, color, or length; or any peculiar characteristic of tobacco.

§ 29.3056 Sound.
Free of damage.

§ 29.3057 Special factor.
A symbol or term authorized to be used with specified grades. Tobacco to which a special factor is applied may meet the general specifications but has a peculiar side or characteristic which tends to modify the grade. (See Rule 9.)

§ 29.3058 Steam-dried.
The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage by means of a redrying machine or other steam-conditioning equipment.

§ 29.3059 Stem.
The midrib or large central vein of a tobacco leaf.

§ 29.3060 Stemmed.
A form of tobacco, including strips and strip scrap, from which the stems or midribs have been removed.

§ 29.3061 Strength (tensile).
The stress a tobacco leaf can bear without tearing. Tensile strength is not an important element of quality in Burley tobacco.

§ 29.3062 Strips.
The sides of a tobacco leaf from which the stem has been removed; or a lot of tobacco composed of strips.

§ 29.3063 Subgrade.
Any grade modified by a special factor symbol.

§ 29.3064 Sweated.
The condition of tobacco which has passed through one or more fermentations natural to tobacco packed with a normal percentage of moisture. This condition is sometimes described as aged.