

**§51.1547**

(C) Including therein not more than 1 percent for potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown. See §51.1547.

(ii) *En route or at Destination*: A total of 12 percent for potatoes in any lot which fail to meet the requirements for the grade: Provided, that included in this tolerance not more than the following percentages shall be allowed for the defects listed:

- (A) 8 percent for external defects;
- (B) 8 percent for internal defects;

(C) Including therein not more than 2 percent for potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown. See §51.1547.

(b) *For off-size*. (1) Not more than 3 percent of the potatoes in any lot may be smaller than the required or specified minimum size except that a tolerance of 5 percent shall be allowed for potatoes packed to meet a minimum size of 2¼ inches or larger in diameter or 5 ounces or more in weight. In addition, not more than 10 percent may be larger than any required or specified maximum size. See §51.1547.

(2) When a percentage of the potatoes is specified to be of a certain size and larger, individual samples shall have not less than one-half of the percentage specified: *Provided*, That the average for the entire lot is not less than the percentage specified.

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APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

**§51.1547 Application of tolerances.**

Individual samples shall have not more than double the tolerances specified, except that at least one defective and one off-size potato may be permitted in any sample: *Provided*, That en route or at destination one-tenth of the samples may contain three times the tolerance permitted for potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown: *And provided further*, That the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade.

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SAMPLES FOR GRADE AND SIZE DETERMINATION

**§51.1548 Samples for grade and size determination.**

Individual samples shall consist of at least 20 pounds. When individual packages contain at least 20 pounds, each individual sample is drawn from one package; when packages contain less than 20 pounds, a sufficient number of adjoining packages are opened to provide at least a 20-pound sample. The number of such individual samples drawn for grade and size determination will vary with the size of the lot.

SKINNING

**§51.1549 Skinning.**

(a) The following definitions provide a basis for describing lots of potatoes as to the degree of skinning whenever description may be appropriate:

- (1) "Practically no skinning" means that not more than 5 percent of the potatoes in the lot have more than one-tenth of the skin missing or "feathered";
- (2) "Slightly skinned" means that not more than 10 percent of the potatoes in the lot have more than one-fourth of the skin missing or "feathered";
- (3) "Moderately skinned" means that not more than 10 percent of the potatoes in the lot have more than one-half of the skin missing or "feathered"; and
- (4) "Badly skinned" means that more than 10 percent of the potatoes in the lot have more than one-half of the skin missing or "feathered".

DEFINITIONS

**§51.1550 Similar varietal characteristics.**

*Similar varietal characteristics* means that the potatoes in any lot have the same general shape, color and character of skin, and color of flesh.

**§51.1551 Firm.**

*Firm* means that the potato is not shriveled or flabby.