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kernel. No live insects shall be permitted.

(iii) *Mold* which is readily visible on the shell or kernel.

(iv) *Rancidity* means the kernel is distinctly rancid to taste. Staleness of flavor shall not be classed as rancidity.

(v) *Decay* means one-sixteenth or more of the kernel surface is decomposed.

(f) *Other defects* means defects which cannot be considered internal defects or external defects. Such defects include, but are not limited to shell pieces, blanks, foreign material or particles and dust. The following shall be considered other defects. (For tolerances see § 51.2544, Table III.)

(1) *Shell pieces* means open in-shell nuts not containing a kernel, half shells or pieces of shell which are loose in the sample.

(2) *Blank* means a non-split shell not containing a kernel or containing a kernel that fills less than one-half the shell cavity.

(3) *Foreign material* means leaves, sticks, loose hulls or hull pieces, dirt, rocks, insects or insect fragments not attached to nuts, or any substance other than pistachio shells or kernels. Glass, metal or live insects shall not be permitted.

(4) *Particles and dust* means pieces of nut kernels which will pass through a 5/64 inch round opening.

(5) *Undersize* means pistachio nuts in the shell which fall through a 30/64 inch round hole screen.

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§ 51.2548 Average moisture content determination.

(a) Determining average moisture content of the lot is not a requirement of the grades, except when nuts are specified as "very well dried." It may be carried out upon request in connection with grade analysis or as a separate determination.

(b) Nuts shall be obtained from a randomly drawn composite sample. Official certification shall be based on the air-oven method or other officially approved methods or devices. Results obtained by methods or devices not officially approved may be reported and shall include a description of the meth-

od or device and the owner of any equipment used.

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§ 51.2549 Metric conversion table.

Use the following table for metric conversion:

Inches	Millimeters
5/64	1.98
18/10046
1/4	6.35
30/64	11.88
Ounces	Grams
1	28.35
2	56.70

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Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Shelled Pistachio Nuts

SOURCE: 55 FR 28747, July 13, 1990, unless otherwise noted.

§ 51.2555 General.

(a) Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with provisions of applicable Federal or State laws.

(b) These standards are applicable to raw, roasted, salted or salted/roasted pistachio kernels.

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§ 51.2556 Grades.

(a) "U.S. Fancy," "U.S. Extra No. 1," and "U.S. No. 1" consist of pistachio kernels which meet the following requirements:

(1) Well dried, or very well dried when specified in connection with the grade.

(2) Free from:

(i) Foreign material, including in-shell nuts, shells, or shell fragments.

(3) Free from damage by:

- (i) Immature kernels;
- (ii) Kernel spotting; and
- (iii) Other defects.

(4) Free from serious damage by:

- (i) Mold;
- (ii) Minor insect or vertebrate injury;
- (iii) Insect damage;
- (iv) Rancidity;