

**§ 51.2557**

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- (v) Decay; and,
- (vi) Other defects.

(5) Unless otherwise specified, kernels shall meet the size classification of Jumbo Whole Kernels (See § 51.2559).

(b) [Reserved]

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**§ 51.2557 Tolerances.**

(a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the tolerances, by weight, in Table I are provided.

TABLE 1—TOLERANCES

Factor (tolerances by weight)	U.S. fancy (percent)	U.S. extra No. 1 (percent)	U.S. No. 1 (percent)
(a) Damage .....	2.0	2.5	3.0
(b) Serious Damage (Minor Insect or Vertebrate Injury, Mold, Rancid, Decay) ..	1.5	2.0	2.5
(1) Insect Damage, included in (b) .....	.3	.4	.5
(c) Foreign Material	.03	.05	.1

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**§ 51.2558 Application of tolerances.**

The tolerances for the grades apply to the entire lot and shall be based on a composite sample representative of the lot. Any container or group of containers which have kernels obviously different in quality or size from those in the majority of containers shall be considered a separate lot and shall be sampled separately.

**§ 51.2559 Size classifications.**

(a) The size of pistachio kernels may be specified in connection with the grade in accordance with one of the following size classifications.

(1) Jumbo Whole Kernels: 80 percent or more by weight shall be whole kernels and not more than 5 percent of the total sample shall pass through a  $\frac{2}{64}$  inch round hole screen with not more

than 1 percent passing through a  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch round hole screen.

(2) Large Whole Kernels: 80 percent or more, by weight, shall be whole kernels and not more than 2 percent of the total sample shall pass through a  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch round hole screen.

(3) Large Split Kernels: 75 percent or more, by weight, shall be half kernels split lengthwise and not more than 5 percent of the total sample shall pass through a  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch round hole screen.

(4) Whole and Broken Kernels: means a mixture of any combination of whole kernels or pieces. The percentage of whole kernels and/or pieces may be specified. Not more than 5 percent of the total sample shall pass through a  $\frac{3}{64}$  inch round hole screen.

(b) [Reserved]

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**§ 51.2560 Definitions.**

(a) *Well dried* means the kernel is firm and crisp.

(b) *Very well dried* means the kernel is firm and crisp and the average moisture content of the lot does not exceed 7 percent or is specified (See § 51.2561).

(c) *Foreign material* means leaves, sticks, in-shell nuts, shells or pieces of shells, dirt, or rocks, or any other substance other than pistachio kernels. No allowable tolerances for metal or glass.

(d) *Whole kernel* means  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a kernel or more.

(e) *Splits* means more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a half kernel split lengthwise.

(f) *Damage* means any specific defect described in paragraph (f) (1) through (2) of this section or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance or the edible or marketing quality of the individual kernel or of the lot. (For tolerances, see § 51.2557, Table I.)

(1) *Immature kernels* are excessively thin kernels and can have black, brown or gray surface with a dark interior color and the immaturity has adversely affected the flavor of the kernel.

(2) *Kernel spotting* refers to dark brown or dark gray spots aggregating more than one-eighth of the surface of the kernel.