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pass through a screen having \( \frac{16}{64} \) inch round openings.

(a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by weight, shall be permitted:

(1) 2 percent for other types of peanuts;
(2) 2 percent for damaged or unshelled peanuts and minor defects;
(3) 0.2 percent for foreign material;
(4) 2 percent for sound portions of peanuts which will pass through the prescribed screen; and,
(5) 4 percent for sound whole kernels.

§ 51.2732 U.S. No. 2 Spanish.

“U.S. No. 2 Spanish” consists of shelled Spanish type peanut kernels which may be split or broken, but which are free from foreign material, damage, and minor defects, and which will not pass through a screen having \( \frac{16}{64} \) inch round openings.

(a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by weight, shall be permitted:

(1) 2 percent for other types of peanuts;
(2) 2.5 percent for damaged or unshelled peanuts and minor defects;
(3) 0.2 percent for foreign material;
and,
(4) 6 percent for sound peanuts and portions of peanuts which will pass through the prescribed screen.

APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

§ 51.2733 Application of tolerances.

The tolerances provided in these standards are on a lot basis and shall be applied to a composite sample representative of the lot. However, any container or group of containers in which the peanuts are obviously of a quality materially different from that in the majority of containers shall be considered a separate lot, and shall be sampled and graded separately.

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.2734 Spanish type.

Spanish type means peanuts of varieties which belong to the Spanish classification group and which are free from kernels of Runner, Virginia, or other types.

§ 51.2735 Whole.

Whole means that the peanut kernel is not split or broken.

§ 51.2736 Split.

Split means the separated half of a peanut kernel.

§ 51.2737 Broken.

Broken means that more than one-fourth of the peanut kernel is broken off.

§ 51.2738 Foreign material.

Foreign material means pieces or loose particles of any substance other than peanut kernels or skins.

§ 51.2739 Damage.

Damage means any specific defect described in this section; or any other defect, or any combination of defects which materially detracts from the edible quality of the peanut. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage:

(a) Rancidity or decay;
(b) Mold;
(c) Insects, worm cuts, web or frass;
(d) Freezing injury causing hard, translucent, or discolored flesh; and,
(e) Dirt when the surface of the kernel is heavily smeared, thickly flecked or coated with dirt, seriously affecting its appearance.

§ 51.2740 Minor defects.

Minor defects means that the peanut kernel is not damaged but is affected by one or more of the following:

(a) Skin discoloration which is dark brown, dark gray, dark blue or black and covers more than one-fourth of the surface;
(b) Flesh discoloration which is darker than a light yellow color or consists of more than a slight yellow pitting of the flesh;
(c) Sprout extending more than one-eighth of an inch from the tip of the kernel; and,
(d) Dirt when the surface of the kernel is distinctly dirty, and its appearance is materially affected.