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more than one and one-half times the

tolerance specified. For packages

which contain 20 specimens or more

and a tolerance of less than 10 per-

cent is provided, individual packages may

contain not more than double the tol-

erance specified except that at least

one defective and one off-size specimen

may be permitted in any package; and,

(2) For packages which contain less

than 20 specimens, individual packages in

any lot may contain not more than double

the tolerance specified, except that at least

one defective and one off-size specimen

may be permitted in any package: Provided,

That for packages which contain 6 specimens or less, in-

dividual packages in any lot are not re-

stricted as to the percentage of defects:

And provided further, That not more

than one specimen which is affected by
decay or otherwise seriously damaged

and one off-size specimen may be per-

mitted in any package.

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.566 Stalk.

Stalk means an individual plant.

§ 51.567 Similar varietal characteristics.

Similar varietal characteristics means

that the stalks in any package have the

same general appearance and char-

eracter of growth.

§ 51.568 Well developed.

Well developed means that the

branches are of good width and thick-

ness in relation to the length of mid-

ribs and type of celery and that the

heart branches are of reasonable num-

ber, length and stockiness.

§ 51.569 Well formed.

Well formed means that the branches

are fairly straight and not more than

slightly curved or twisted.

§ 51.570 Clean.

Clean means that the stalk is prac-

tically free from dirt or other foreign

material. Stalks shall be permitted to have a small amount of dirt on the in-

side of the branches or in the heart

branches which cannot be removed by
good commercial methods of washing.

§ 51.571 Well trimmed.

Well trimmed means that not more

than 2 relatively thin, short or spindly,
or coarse and fibrous outer branches

remain; that the main root has been
cut off so as not to extend more than

1½ inches below the point of attach-

ment of the lowest outer branch; that

secondary rootlets are not of such

number or length as to materially af-

fect the appearance of the stalk; and,

that the appearance is not materially

affected by the presence of discolored

leaves or by excessive removal of

leaves or portions of leaves.

§ 51.572 Compact.

Compact means that the branches on

the stalk are fairly close together

throughout most of their length.

§ 51.573 Damage.

Damage, unless otherwise specifically
defined in this section, means any de-
fect which materially affects the ap-
pearance, or the edible or shipping
quality of the celery stalk or the gen-

eral appearance of the stalks in the

container. Any one of the following de-
fects, or any combination of defects the
seriousness of which exceeds the max-
imum allowed for any one defect, shall
be considered as damage:

(a) Growth cracks when more than 2

branches are affected by growth cracks

which are over one-half inch in length,

or when more than 6 branches have

growth cracks;

(b) Horizontal cracks when more

than 3 branches have horizontal cracks

which are over one-half inch in length,

or when more than 6 branches have

horizontal cracks;

(c) Pithy branches when more than 2

are pithy in that portion of the midrib

between a point 1½ inches above the

point of attachment to the base and

the first node, or between a point 1½

inches below the first node and the

point of attachment to the base, or

when pith occurs at both ends of the

midrib and more than a total of 1½

inches is affected: Provided, That stalks

having 6 outer branches or less shall

have not more than one-third of the

outer branches affected by pith as de-

scribed above;

(d) Seed stems when the length of

seedstem exceeds twice the diameter of