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ERING CLASSES, TYPES AND GROUPS OF
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§ 30.1 Definitions of terms used in clas-
sification of leaf tobacco.

For the purpose of §§ 30.1 through
30.44 the terms appearing in §§ 30.2
through 30.21 shall be construed as ex-
pained therein.

§ 30.2 Leaf tobacco.

Tobacco in the forms in which it ap-
pears between the time it is cured and
striped from the stalk, or primed and
cured, and the time it enters into the
different manufacturing processes. The
acts of stemming, sweating or fer-
menting, and conditioning are not re-
garded as manufacturing processes.
Leaf tobacco does not include any man-
ufactured or semimanufactured to-

cato, stems which have been removed
from leaves, cuttings, clippings, trim-
mings, shorts, or dust.

§ 30.3 Unstemmed.

A form of leaf tobacco consisting of a

collection of leaves from which the
stems or midribs have not been re-
moved, including leaf-scrap.

§ 30.4 Stemmed.

A form of leaf tobacco consisting of a

collection of leaves from which the
stems or midribs have been removed,
including strip scrap.

§ 30.5 Class.

One of the major divisions of leaf to-

cato based on the distinct character-
istics of the tobacco caused by dif-
ferences in varieties, soil and climatic
conditions, and the methods of cultiva-
tion, harvesting, and curing.

§ 30.6 Type.

A subdivision of a class of leaf to-

cato, having certain common charac-
teristics which permit of its being di-
vided into a number of related grades.
Any tobacco that has the same charac-
teristics and corresponding qualities,
colors, and lengths, shall be treated as
one type, regardless of any factors of
historical or geographical nature which
cannot be determined by an examina-
tion of the tobacco.

§ 30.7 Group.

A group of grades, or a division of a
type covering several closely related
grades, based on the general quality of
the tobacco, including the percentage
of injury, and other factors. The fac-
tors that determine the group divisions
also largely determine the usage or
suitability of tobacco for certain pur-
poses.