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Subpart—Quality Control

§ 989.701 Minimum grade and condition standards for natural condition raisins.

§ 989.702 Minimum grade standards for packed raisins.

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DEFINITIONS

§ 989.1 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or any officer or employee of the United States Department of Agriculture to whom authority has heretofore been delegated or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

§ 989.2 Act.


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§ 989.3 Person.

Person means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other business unit.

§ 989.4 Area.

Area means the State of California.

§ 989.5 Raisins.

Raisins means grapes of any variety grown in the area, from which a significant part of the natural moisture has been removed by sun-drying or artificial dehydration, either prior to or after such grapes have been removed from the vines. Removal of a significant part of the natural moisture means removal which has progressed to the point where the grape skin develops wrinkles characteristic of wrinkles in fully formed raisins.

[37 FR 19622, Sept. 21, 1972]

§ 989.7 Golden Seedless raisins.

Golden Seedless raisins means raisins, the production of which includes soda dipping, sulfuring, and artificial dehydration.

§ 989.8 Natural condition raisins.

Natural condition raisins means raisins the production of which includes sun-drying or artificial dehydration but which have not been further processed to a point where they meet any of the conditions for “packed raisins”, as defined in § 989.9.


§ 989.9 Packed raisins.

Packed raisins means raisins which have been stemmed, graded, sorted, cleaned, or seeded, and placed in any container customarily used in the marketing of raisins or in any container suitable or usable for such marketing. Raisins in the process of being packed or raisins which are partially packed shall be subject to the same requirements as packed raisins.

§ 989.10 Varietal types.

Variatel types means raisins generally recognized as possessing characteristics differing from other raisins in a degree sufficient to make necessary or desirable separate identification and classification. Varietal types are the following: Natural (sun-dried) Seedless, Dipped Seedless, Golden Seedless, Muscats (including other raisins with seeds), Sultana, Zante Currant, Monukka, and Oleate and Related Seedless: Provided, That the Committee may, subject to approval of the Secretary, change this list of varietal types.

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§ 989.11 Producer.

Producer means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of grapes which are sun-dried or dehydrated by artificial means until they become raisins: Provided, That a
§ 989.12 *Producer* shall include any person whose production unit has qualified for diversion under a diversion program announced by the Committee.

[50 FR 1831, Jan. 14, 1985]

§ 989.12 Dehydrator.
Dehydrator means any person who produces raisins by dehydrating grapes by artificial means.

§ 989.12a Cooperative bargaining association.
Cooperative bargaining association means a nonprofit cooperative association of raisin producers engaged within the area in bargaining with handlers as to price and otherwise arranging for the sale of natural condition raisin of its members.

[32 FR 12158, Aug. 24, 1967]

§ 989.13 Processor.
Processor means any person who receives or acquires natural condition raisins, off-grade raisins, other failing raisins or raisin residual material and uses them or it within the area, with or without other ingredients, in the production of a product other than raisins, for market or distribution.


§ 989.14 Packer.
Packer means any person who, within the area, stems, sorts, cleans, or seeds raisins, grades stemmed raisins, or packages raisins for market as raisins: Provided, That:

(a) No producer with respect to the raisins produced by him, and no group of producers with respect to raisins produced by the producers comprising the group, and not otherwise a packer, shall be deemed a packer if he or it sorts or cleans (with or without water) such raisins in their unstemmed form;

(b) Any dehydrator shall be deemed to be a packer, with respect to raisins dehydrated by him, only if he stems, cleans with water subsequent to such dehydration, seeds or packages them for market as raisin;

(c) The committee may, with the approval of the Secretary restrict the exceptions as to permitted cleaning if necessary to cause delivery of sound raisins; and

(d) No person shall be deemed a packer by reason of the fact he repackages for market (with or without additional preparation) packed raisins which, in the hands of a previous holder, have been inspected and certified as meeting the applicable minimum grade standards for packed raisins.

[32 FR 12158, Aug. 24, 1967]

§ 989.15 Handler.
Handler means:

(a) Any processor or packer;

(b) Any person who places, ships, or continues natural condition raisins in the current of commerce from within the area to any point outside thereof;

(c) Any person who delivers off-grade raisins, other failing raisins or raisin residual material to other than a packer or other than into any eligible non-normal outlet; or

(d) Any person who blends raisins: Provided, That blending shall not cause a person not otherwise a handler to be a handler on account of such blending if he is either:

1. A producer who, in his capacity as a producer, blends raisins entirely of his own production in the course of his usual and customary practices of preparing raisins for delivery to processors, packers, or dehydrators;

2. A person who blends raisins after they have been placed in trade channels by a packer with other such raisins in trade channels; or

3. A dehydrator who, in his capacity as a dehydrator, blends raisins entirely of his own manufacture.

[37 FR 19622, Sept. 21, 1972]

§ 989.16 Blend.
Blend means to mix or commingle raisins.

§ 989.17 Acquire.
Acquire means to have or obtain physical possession of raisins by a handler at his packing or processing plant or at any other established receiving station operated by him: Provided, That a handler shall not be deemed to acquire any raisins (including raisins produced or dehydrated by him) while: