DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
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United States Standards for Split Peas
AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of final action.
SUMMARY: This action is being taken under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (AMA). The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the method of interpretation for the determination of whole peas in the Pea and Lentil Inspection Handbook pertaining to the class “Split Peas,” in the U.S. Standards for Split Peas. Stakeholders in the pea processing/handling industry requested that AMS amend the interpretation of “whole peas” in the Split Pea inspection instructions by increasing the percent tolerance for the factor whole peas.
DATES: Applicability date: June 15, 2021.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the AMA (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended, AMS establishes and maintains a variety of quality and grade standards for agricultural commodities that serve as a fundamental starting point to define commodity quality in the domestic and global marketplace.

Standards developed under the AMA include those for rice, whole dry peas, split peas, feed peas, lentils, and beans. The U.S. Standards for whole dry peas, split peas, feed peas, lentils and beans no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are now maintained by USDA–AMS–Federal Grain Inspection Service (AMS–FGIS). The U.S. Standards for split peas are voluntary and widely used in private contracts, government procurement, marketing communication, and for some commodities, consumer information. The split pea standards facilitate pea marketing and define U.S. pea quality in the domestic and global marketplace. The standards define commonly used industry terms; contain basic principles governing the application of standards.