§ 29.1050 Prematurity.

A condition of growth and development characteristic of the lower leaves of the tobacco plant. Premature leaves have some appearance of ripeness due to a process of starvation caused by translocation of plant food elements from these leaves to other leaves higher on the stalk.

§ 29.1051 Quality.

A division of a group or the second factor of a grade based on the relative degree of one or more elements of quality.

§ 29.1052 Raw.

Tobacco as it appears between the time of harvesting and the beginning of the curing process.

§ 29.1053 Red (R).

A brownish red.

§ 29.1054 Semicured.

Tobacco in the process of being cured or which is partially but not thoroughly cured. Semicured includes tobacco which contains fat stems, swelled stems, frozen tobacco, frozen stems, or stems that have not been thoroughly dried in the curing process. (See Rule 23.)

§ 29.1055 Side.

A certain phase of quality, color, or length as contrasted with some other phase of quality, color, or length; or any peculiar characteristic of tobacco.

§ 29.1056 Slick.

A term used to denote tobacco having a close or tight leaf structure. Any leaf of lemon or orange color of which 20 percent or more of its surface is close or tight may be described as slick. (See Rule 17.)

§ 29.1057 Smoked.

Any tobacco affected by smoke or fumes in the curing process. (See Rule 23.)

§ 29.1058 Sound.

Free of damage.

§ 29.1059 Special factor.

A symbol or term authorized to be used with specified grades. Tobacco to which a special factor is applied may meet the general specifications but which has a peculiar side or characteristic which tends to modify the grade. (See Rules 10, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, and 30.)

§ 29.1060 Steam-dried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage by means of a redrying machine or other steam-conditioning equipment.