

**§ 29.2568**

grade specifications. (See Rule 14, § 29.2630.)

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**§ 29.2568 Unsound (U).**

Damaged under 20 percent. (See Rule 20, § 29.2636.)

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**§ 29.2569 Unstemmed.**

A form of tobacco, including whole leaf and leaf scrap, from which the stems or midribs have not been removed.

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**§ 29.2570 Wet (W).**

Any sound tobacco containing excessive moisture to the extent that it is in unsafe or doubtful-keeping order. Wet applies to any tobacco which is not damaged but which is likely to damage if treated in the customary manner. (See Rule 21, § 29.2637.) (For extremely wet or watered tobacco, see rule 22, § 29.2638.)

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**§ 29.2571 Width.**

The relative breadth of a tobacco leaf expressed in relation to its length. Width, as an element of quality, does not apply to tobacco in strip form. (See chart, § 29.2601.)

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ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

**§ 29.2601 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.**

Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute quality are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by words or terms designated as degrees. These degrees are arranged to show their relative value and are used in determining the quality of tobacco.

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The actual value of each degree varies with group.

Elements	Degrees		
Body .....	Thin .....	Medium .....	Heavy.
Maturity .....	Immature .....	Mature .....	Ripe.
Leaf structure .....	Close .....	Firm .....	Open.
Oil .....	Lean .....	Oily .....	Rich.
Elasticity .....	Inelastic .....	Semielastic ..	Elastic.
Strength .....	Weak .....	Normal .....	Strong.
Finish .....	Dull .....	Clear .....	Bright.
Color intensity.	Pale .....	Moderate .....	Deep.
Width .....	Narrow .....	Normal .....	Spready.
Uniformity.....	Expressed in percentages.		
Injury tolerance..	Expressed in percentages.		

SIZES

**§ 29.2606 Standard sizes.<sup>1</sup>**

Inches	Size
12-20 .....	1
20-28 .....	2
Over 28 .....	3

<sup>1</sup> The application of sizes is governed by the major portion of the lot or package.

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RULES

**§ 29.2616 Rules.**

The application of these official standard grades shall be in accordance with §§ 29.2617 through 29.2639.

[37 FR 13626, July 12, 1972, as amended at 49 FR 16757, Apr. 20, 1984]

**§ 29.2617 Rule 1.**

Each grade shall be treated as a subdivision of a particular type. When the grade is stated in an inspection certificate, the type also shall be stated.

**§ 29.2618 Rule 2.**

The determination of a grade shall be based upon a thorough examination of a lot of tobacco or of an official sample of the lot.

**§ 29.2619 Rule 3.**

In drawing an official sample from a hogshead or other package of tobacco, two or more breaks shall be made at such points and in such manner as the inspector or sampler may find necessary to determine the kinds of tobacco and the percentage of each kind contained in the lot. All breaks shall be made so that the tobacco contained in the center of the package is visible