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§ 52.3184 Grades of dried prunes.

(b) U.S. Grade B, U.S. Grade C, or U.S. Grade D.

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§ 52.3182 Varietal types of dried prunes.

(a) Type I. French; or Robe; or a mixture of French and Robe.

(b) Type II. Italian.

§ 52.3183 Styles of dried prunes.

(a) Whole Unpitted—from which pits have not been removed.

(b) Whole Pitted—from which pits have been removed.

§ 52.3185 Grades of mixed types or varieties of raisins.

The grade of a lot of mixed types of processed raisins shall be the lower (or lowest) grade of any varietal type in the mixture based on the respective requirements for each type, except for moisture, in accordance with this subpart. Mixed types of processed raisins of U.S. Grade A, U.S. Grade B, or U.S. Grade C may contain not more than 18 percent, by weight, of moisture. Mixed types of processed raisins that as a mixture exceed 18 percent, by weight, of moisture are "Substandard."

Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Dried Prunes


Product Description, Varietal Types, Sizes, Grades

§ 52.3181 Product description.

Dried prunes are prepared from sound, properly matured prune plums from which the greater portion of moisture is removed by drying. The dried prunes are cleaned to assure a wholesome product; they may be treated with water or steam; and a safe and suitable preservative may be added.


§ 52.3182 Varietal types of dried prunes.

(a) Type I. French; or Robe; or a mixture of French and Robe.

(b) Type II. Italian.

(c) Type III. Imperial; or Sugar; or a mixture of Imperial and Sugar.

(d) Type IV. Any other types; or mixtures of any types other than mixtures in Type I and Type III of this section.

§ 52.3183 Styles of dried prunes.

(a) Whole Unpitted—from which pits have not been removed.

(b) Whole Pitted—from which pits have been removed.


§ 52.3183b Count-sizes of whole unpitted dried prunes.

(a) Count-sizes. Except for U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy, the count-sizes of dried prunes are not incorporated in the grades of dried prunes. The count-sizes of dried prunes in this subpart refer to the count (or number) of prunes per pound of dried prunes. The various sizes of dried prunes for the respective varietal types are commonly designated as follows, but may be designated by other numerical expressions:

1. Type I: Type IV. 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100, 100/120, 120 and over.

2. Type II. 25/35, 35/45, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100.

3. Type III. 15/20, 18/24, 20/30, 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70.

(b) Recommended size nomenclature. The following size nomenclature is recommended for the respective "countsizes" of dried prunes:

- Extra large: Average: Not more than 43 prunes per pound.
- Large: Average: Not more than 53 prunes per pound.
- Medium: Average: Not more than 67 prunes per pound.
- Small: Average: Not more than 85 prunes per pound.