A division of a type covering closely related grades based on certain characteristics which are related to stalk position, body, or the general quality of the tobacco. Groups in Flue-cured, U.S. Types 11–14, and Foreign Type 92 are: Leaf (B), Smoking Leaf (H), Cutters (C), Lugs (X), Primings (P), Mixed (M), Nondescript (N), and Scrap (S).

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Hurt or impairment from any cause except the fungus or bacterial diseases which attack tobacco in its cured state, but which is not serious enough to be classified as waste. (See definitions of Damage and Waste; see also Rule 14.)


Whole, unstemmed leaf. Leaf, when applied to tobacco in strip form, shall describe the divided unit of a whole leaf.


A byproduct of stemmed and unstemmed tobacco.


The cell development of a leaf as indicated by its porosity. (See Elements of Quality Chart.)


Yellow.


The linear measurement of cured tobacco leaves from the butt of the midrib to the extreme tip. Length, as an element of quality, does not apply to tobacco in strip form.


A pile, basket, bulk, or more than one bale, case, hogshead, tierce, package, or other definite package unit.


The degree of ripeness. (See Elements of Quality Chart.)


Distinctly different colors of the type mingled together. (See Rule 16.)


This group consists of tobacco from three or more groups or two distinctly different groups which are mixed together in various combinations.


Any lot of Types 11–14 tobacco which has been loaded, packed or arranged to conceal tobacco of inferior grade, quality or condition. Nested includes: (a) Any lot of tobacco which contains injured or other inferior tobacco, any of which cannot be readily detected upon inspection because of the way the lot is packed or arranged; (b) Any lot of tobacco which consists of distinctly different grades, qualities or conditions and which is stacked or arranged with the same kinds together so that the tobacco in the lower portions of the lot is distinctly inferior in grade, quality or condition from the tobacco in the top portion of the lot.

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