§ 29.1129 Rule 23.

Tobacco shall be designated by the grademark “No-G,” when it is of type, semicured, fire-killed, smoked, oxidized over 10 percent, has an odor foreign to the type, or is packed in bales which are not approximately 42 inches wide × 42 inches high × 40 inches long.

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§ 29.1130 Rule 24.

Tobacco shall be designated by the grademark, “No-G-F,” when it contains stalks, suckers, or foreign matter such as straw, strings, rubber bands, grass, weeds, or an excessive amount of dirt or sand.

§ 29.1131 Rule 25.

Any lot of tobacco containing 10 percent or less of oxidized tobacco, except as provided in rule 12, shall be designated by the combination symbols “PO,” “XO,” or “BO.” Crude or green tobacco containing 10 percent or less of oxidized shall be grade “N2.”


Tobacco that contains a moderate amount of dirt or sand, but which otherwise meets the specifications of any Primings grade, including the first quality Nondescript from the Primings group, shall be designated by placing the special factor, “dirt” or “sand” after the grademark.

§ 29.1133 Rule 27.

Tobacco in Types 11–14 shall be designated by the grademark “No-G-Nested” when it is nested.

[47 FR 51721, Nov. 17, 1982, as amended at 49 FR 16756, Apr. 20, 1984]

§ 29.1134 Rule 28.

Tobacco in strip form which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be treated as a special factor grade by placing the special factor “S” preceding the grademark.

[49 FR 16756, Apr. 20, 1984]

§ 29.1135 Rule 29.

Any lot of tobacco containing 25 percent or more of an adjacent group, which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be treated as a special factor grade by placing the special factor “M” preceding the grademark.

[60 FR 36028, July 13, 1995]

§ 29.1136 Rule 30.

Any lot of baled tobacco that is not opened for inspection but which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be graded by the exterior only.

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Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, rich in oil, deep color intensity, spready, 20 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 90 percent; injury tolerance, 5 percent.

B2F—Fine Quality Orange Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, rich in oil, deep color intensity, normal width, 18 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 85 percent; injury tolerance, 10 percent.

B3F—Good Quality Orange Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, strong color intensity, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5F—Low Quality Orange Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, weak color intensity, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B3KL—Good Quality Variegated Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4F—Fair Quality Orange Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, moderate color intensity, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5FR—Poor Quality Orange Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, weak color intensity, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B3FR—Choice Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, rich in oil, deep color intensity, spready, 20 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 90 percent; injury tolerance, 5 percent.

B2FR—Fine Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, rich in oil, deep color intensity, normal width, 18 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 85 percent; injury tolerance, 10 percent.

B3FR—Good Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, strong color intensity, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance 15 percent.

B4FR—Fair Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, moderate color intensity, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5FR—Low Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, weak color intensity, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

B6FR—Poor Quality Orange Red Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, weak color intensity, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B3K—Good Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4K—Fair Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5K—Low Quality Variegated Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance, 30 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

B6K—Poor Quality Variegated Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance, 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B3KR—Good Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4KR—Fair Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5KR—Low Quality Variegated Red or Scorched Leaf
Ripe, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B3V—Good Quality Greenish Leaf
Mature, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4V—Fair Quality Greenish Leaf
Mature, firm leaf structure, fleshy, oily, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5V—Low Quality Greenish Leaf
Mature, firm leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B3KL—Good Quality Variegated Lemon Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4KL—Fair Quality Variegated Lemon Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B6KL—Low Quality Variegated Lemon Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B6KL—Poor Quality Variegated Lemon Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

B6KF—Poor Quality Variegated Orange Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B6KD—Quality Variegated Dark Red Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width, 16 inches (40.6 cm) or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4KM—Fair Quality Variegated Mixed Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5KM—Low Quality Variegated Mixed Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B6KM—Poor Quality Variegated Mixed Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

B3KK Good Quality Excessively Scorched Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4KK Fair Quality Excessively Scorched Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B5KK Low Quality Excessively Scorched Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

B6KK Poor Quality Excessively Scorched Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, heavy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 50 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B4G—Fair Quality Green Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B5S—Low Quality Slick Leaf
Unripe, firm leaf structure, medium body, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; tolerance, 30 percent waste.

B5KV—Low Quality Variegated Greenish Leaf
Unripe, firm leaf structure, medium body, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4SV—Fair Quality Slick Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B5KV—Low Quality Variegated Greenish Leaf
Unripe, firm leaf structure, medium body, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B6SV—Poor Quality Variegated Greenish Leaf
Unripe, firm leaf structure, medium body, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; tolerance, 40 percent waste.

B3S—Good Quality Slick Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, fleshy, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B4S—Fair Quality Slick Leaf
Unripe, close leaf structure, fleshy, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

B5S—Low Quality Slick Leaf
Unripe, tight leaf structure, fleshy, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B4G—Fair Quality Green Leaf
Immature, close leaf structure, fleshy, oily, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent;
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§ 29.1163 Smoking Leaf (H Group).

This group consists of leaves normally grown at or above the midportion of the stalk. Leaves of the H group show a high degree of maturity, more open leaf structure in relation to the B Group, and a material amount of injury characteristic of very ripe leaf tobacco.

Grades, Grade Names, Minimum Specifications, and Tolerances

H3F—Good Quality Orange Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, strong color intensity, normal width, 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 80 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.

H4F—Fair Quality Orange Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, moderate color intensity, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

H5F—Low Quality Orange Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, weak color intensity, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

H6F—Poor Quality Orange Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, weak color intensity, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

H4FR—Fair Quality Orange Red Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, moderate color intensity, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

H5FR—Low Quality Orange Red Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, weak color intensity, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

H6FR—Poor Quality Orange Red Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, weak color intensity, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

H4K—Fair Quality Variegated Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, moderate color intensity, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

H5K—Low Quality Variegated Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, weak color intensity, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

H6K—Poor Quality Variegated Smoking Leaf
Mellow, open leaf structure, medium body, lean in oil, weak color intensity, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 40 percent, of which not over 20 percent may be waste.

§ 29.1164 Cutters (C Group).

This group consists of leaves normally grown at or just below the midportion of the stalk. Leaves of the C group have a tendency to roll concealing the stem or midrib. Cutters usually have a rounded tip, are thin to medium in body, and show some ground injury.

Grades, Grade Names, Minimum Specifications, and Tolerances

B5G—Low Quality Green Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B6G—Poor Quality Green Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, fleshy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B5GR—Low Quality Green Red Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, heavy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B4GK—Fair Quality Green Variegated Leaf
Immature, close leaf structure, heavy, normal width. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 20 percent, of which not over 5 percent may be waste.

B5GK—Low Quality Green Variegated Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, heavy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B6GK—Poor Quality Green Variegated Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, heavy, stringy. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.

B5GG—Low Quality Gray Green Leaf
Immature, tight leaf structure, heavy, lean in oil, narrow. Uniformity, 70 percent; injury tolerance 30 percent, of which not over 10 percent may be waste.