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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Medium body, mature, firm, wavy dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5F	Low Tan Tips.
	Medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3FR	Good Tannish-red Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4FR	Fair Tannish-red Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wavy, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5FR	Low Tannish-red Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3R	Good Red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, mature to ripe, firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4R	Fair Red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5R	Low Red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4D	Fair Dark-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5D	Low Dark-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4K	Fair Variegated Tips.
	Fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5K	Low Variegated Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid to close, rough, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VF	Fair Greenish-tan Tips.
	Medium body, underripe, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VF	Low Greenish-tan Tips.
	Medium body, underripe, close, wrinkly, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VR	Fair Greenish-red Tips.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VR	Low Greenish-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GF	Fair Green-tan Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, immature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GF	Low Green-tan Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, immature, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GR	Fair Green-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid to close, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GR	Low Green-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3155 Mixed (M Group).

This group consists of tobacco of distinctly different groups which are mixed together in various combinations.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
M3F	Good Light Mixed. General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
M4F	Fair Light Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, medium to tissuey body, light general color under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5F	Low Light Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M3FR	Good Dark Mixed. General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
M4FR	Fair Dark Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5FR	Low Dark Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
M4K	Fair Variegated Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5K	Low Variegated Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M4G	Fair Green Mixed. General quality of X4, C4, B4, and T4, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5G	Low Green Mixed. General quality of X5, C5, B5, and T5, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3156 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript Thin to tissuey body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1F	First Quality Medium Colored Nondescript Fleshy to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to fleshy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2L	Second Quality Light to Medium Colored Nondescript Medium to tissuey body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R	Second Quality Medium to Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2G	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript Over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3157 Scrap (S Group).

A by-product of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
S	Scrap.

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	Loose, tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

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14 Grades of Flying

X1L	X5L	X4F	X4G
X2L	X1F	X5F	X5G
X3L	X2F	X4M	
X4L	X3F	X5M	

21 Grades of Lugs or Cutters

C1L	C2F	C5K	C5V
C2L	C3F	C3M	C4G
C3L	C4F	C4M	C5G
C4L	C5F	C5M	
C5L	C3K	C3V	
C1F	C4K	C4V	

39 Grades of Leaf

B1F	B3FR	B3K	B3VR
B2F	B4FR	B4K	B4VR
B3F	B5FR	B5K	B5VR
B4F	B1R	B2M	B3GF
B5F	B2R	B3M	B4GF
B2FL	B3R	B4M	B5GF
B3FL	B4R	B5M	B3GR
B4FL	B5R	B3VF	B4GR
B1FR	B4D	B4VF	B5GR
B2FR	B5D	B5VF	

21 Grades of Tips

T3F	T3R	T5K	T5GF
T4F	T4R	T4VF	T4GR
T5F	T5R	T5VF	T5GR
T3FR	T4D	T4VR	
T4FR	T5D	T5VR	
T5FR	T4K	T4GF	

8 Grades of Mixed Group

M3F	M5F	M4FR	M4K
M4F	M3FR	M5FR	M5K

7 Grades of Nondescript

N1L	N1R	N2L	N2G
N1F	N1G	N2R	

1 Grade of Scrap

S

Special factors "U", "W" and "S" may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated by No-G or No-G-Nested.

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