

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 51.712**

equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which slightly detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

**§ 51.700 Discoloration.**

*Discoloration* means russetting of light shade of golden brown caused by rust mite or other means. Lighter shades of discoloration caused by smooth or fairly smooth, superficial scars or other means may be allowed on a greater area, or darker shades may be allowed on a lesser area, provided no discoloration caused by melanose or other means may affect the appearance of the fruit to a greater extent than the shade and amount of discoloration allowed for the grade.

**§ 51.701 Fairly smooth texture.**

*Fairly smooth texture* means that the skin is not materially rough or coarse and that the skin is not thick for the variety.

**§ 51.702 Damage.**

*Damage* means any specific defect described in § 51.713, Table IV; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

**§ 51.703 Fairly well colored.**

*Fairly well colored* means that except for a one inch circle in the aggregate of green color, the yellow or orange color predominates over the green color on that part of the fruit which is not discolored.

**§ 51.704 Reasonably well colored.**

*Reasonably well colored* means that the yellow or orange color predominates over the green color on at least two-thirds of the fruit surface in the aggregate which is not discolored.

**§ 51.705 Fairly firm.**

*Fairly firm* as applied to common oranges, means that the fruit may be

slightly soft, but not bruised; as applied to oranges of the Mandarin group (Satsuma, King, Mandarin) means that the fruit is not extremely puffy or the skin extremely loose.

**§ 51.706 Slightly misshapen.**

*Slightly misshapen* means that the fruit is not of the shape characteristic of the variety but is not appreciably elongated or pointed or otherwise deformed.

**§ 51.707 Slightly rough texture.**

*Slightly rough texture* means that the skin is not smooth or fairly smooth but is not excessively rough or excessively thick, or materially ridged, grooved or wrinkled.

**§ 51.708 Serious damage.**

*Serious damage* means any specific defect described in § 51.713, Table IV; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

**§ 51.709 Misshapen.**

*Misshapen* means that the fruit is decidedly elongated, pointed or flatsided.

**§ 51.710 Slightly spongy.**

*Slightly spongy* means that the fruit is puffy or slightly wilted but not flabby.

**§ 51.711 Very serious damage.**

*Very serious damage* means any specific defect described in § 51.713, Table IV; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which very seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit.

**§ 51.712 Diameter.**

*Diameter* means the greatest dimension measured at right angles to a line from stem to blossom end of the fruit.