

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§51.2114

gum, shriveling, brown spot or other means.

(a) In this grade not less than 30 percent, by weight, of the kernels shall be whole. Doubles shall not be considered as whole kernels in determining the percentage of whole kernels.

(b) Unless otherwise specified, the minimum diameter shall be not less than $\frac{29}{64}$ of an inch (7.9 mm). (See §§51.2113 and 51.2114.)

(c) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by weight, shall be permitted:

(1) *For dissimilar varieties.* 5 percent, including not more than one-fifth of this amount, or 1 percent, for bitter almonds mixed with sweet almonds;

(2) *For doubles.* 35 percent;

(3) *For foreign material.* Two-tenths of 1 percent (0.20 percent). No part of this percentage shall be allowed for glass and metal;

(4) *For particles and dust.* One-tenth of 1 percent (0.10 percent);

(5) *For undersize.* 5 percent; and,

(6) *For other defects.* 5 percent, including not more than three-fifths of this amount, or 3 percent, for serious damage.

§51.2111 U.S. No. 1 Pieces.

“U.S. No. 1 Pieces” consists of shelled almonds which are not bitter, which are clean and well dried, and which are free from decay, rancidity, insect injury, foreign material, particles and dust, and free from damage caused by mold, gum, shriveling, brown spot or other means.

(a) Unless otherwise specified, the minimum diameter shall be not less than $\frac{5}{64}$ of an inch (3.2 mm). (See §§51.2113 and 51.2114.)

(b) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by weight, shall be permitted:

(1) *For bitter almonds mixed with sweet almonds.* 1 percent;

(2) *For foreign material.* Two-tenths of 1 percent (0.20 percent). No part of this percentage shall be allowed for glass and metal;

(3) *For particles and dust.* 1 percent; and

(4) *For other defects.* 5 percent, including not more than three-fifths of this

amount, or 3 percent, for serious damage.

MIXED VARIETIES

§ 51.2112 Mixed varieties.

Any lot of shelled almonds designated as “one type” or undesignated as to type, which consists of a mixture of two or more dissimilar varieties which meet the other requirements of any of the grades of U.S. No. 1, U.S. Select Sheller Run, U.S. Standard Sheller Run, U.S. No. 1 Whole and Broken may be designated as: “U.S. No. 1 Mixed;” “U.S. Select Sheller Run Mixed;” “U.S. Standard Sheller Run Mixed;” “U.S. No. 1 Whole and Broken Mixed;” respectively; but no lot of any of these grades may include more than 1 percent of bitter almonds mixed with sweet almonds.

SIZE

§ 51.2113 Size requirements.

The size may be specified in terms of range in count of whole almond kernels per ounce or in terms of minimum, or minimum and maximum diameter. When a range in count is specified, the whole kernels shall be fairly uniform in size, and the average count per ounce shall be within the range specified. Doubles and broken kernels shall not be used in determining counts. Count ranges per ounce commonly used are shown below, but other ranges may be specified: Provided, that the kernels are fairly uniform in size.

- 16 to 18, inclusive.
- 18 to 20, inclusive.
- 20 to 22, inclusive.
- 22 to 24, inclusive.
- 23 to 25, inclusive.
- 24 to 26, inclusive.
- 26 to 28, inclusive.
- 27 to 30, inclusive.
- 30 to 34, inclusive.
- 34 to 40, inclusive.
- 40 to 50, inclusive.
- 50 and smaller.

§ 51.2114 Tolerances for size.

(a) When a range is specified as, for example, “ $\frac{1}{20}$,” no tolerance for counts above or below the range shall be allowed.

(b) When the minimum, or minimum and maximum diameter are specified, a