

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## §51.3067

one defective and one off-size specimen may be permitted in any package.

### DEFINITIONS

#### § 51.3057 Similar varietal characteristics.

*Similar varietal characteristics* means that the avocados in any container are similar in shape, texture, and color of skin and flesh.

#### § 51.3058 Mature.

*Mature* means that the avocado has reached a stage of growth which will insure a proper completion of the ripening process.

#### § 51.3059 Overripe.

*Overripe* means that the avocado is dead ripe with flesh soft or discolored and past commercial use.

#### § 51.3060 Well formed.

*Well formed* means that the avocado has the normal shape characteristic of the variety.

#### § 51.3061 Clean.

*Clean* means that the avocado is practically free from dirt, staining or other foreign material.

#### § 51.3062 Well colored.

*Well colored* means that the avocado has the color characteristic of the variety.

#### § 51.3063 Well trimmed.

*Well trimmed* means that the stem, when present, is cut off fairly smoothly at a point not more than one-fourth inch beyond the shoulder of the avocado.

#### § 51.3064 Damage.

*Damage* means any defect which materially affects the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the individual fruit, or the general appearance of the avocados in the container. Any one of the following defects, or any combination of defects the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as damage:

(a) Cuts or other skin breaks when not healed and penetrating beneath the epidermis or the aggregate area ex-

ceeds that of a rectangle 1 inch in length and one-eighth inch in width, or when healed and the appearance is materially affected;

(b) Pulled stems when the exposed stem cavity is excessively deep, or when skin surrounding the stem cavity is more than slightly torn;

(c) Russetting or similar discoloration when the appearance of the avocado is affected to a greater extent than that of an avocado which has light brown surface discoloration aggregating 10 percent of the fruit surface;

(d) Scars or scab when the appearance of the avocado is affected to a greater extent than that of an avocado which has light brown superficial, fairly smooth scars aggregating 10 percent of the fruit surface;

(e) Sunburn when the appearance of the avocado is affected to a greater extent than that of an avocado which has greenish-yellow colored sunburn aggregating 10 percent of the fruit surface; and,

(f) Sunscald or sprayburn when not well healed, or when soft, or when the appearance of the avocado is affected to a greater extent than that of an avocado which has light brown, superficial scars aggregating 10 percent of the fruit surface.

#### § 51.3065 Fairly well formed.

*Fairly well formed* means that the avocado may be slightly abnormal in shape but not to the extent that the appearance is seriously affected.

#### § 51.3066 Fairly well colored.

*Fairly well colored* means that the avocado shows a shade of color which is fairly characteristic of the variety.

#### § 51.3067 Serious damage.

*Serious damage* means any defect which seriously affects the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the individual fruit, or the general appearance of the avocados in the container. Any one of the following defects, or any combination of defects the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as serious damage:

(a) Anthracnose when any spot exceeds the area of a circle one-fourth inch in diameter, or when more than 3