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below the first node provided the stalk is of the length specified.

§ 51.587 Diameter.

Diameter means the greatest dimension of the stalk measured at a point 2 inches above the point of attachment of the lowest outer branch to the base.

§ 51.588 Length of seedstem.

Length of seedstem means the distance from the base of the outer branches of the stalk to the top of the actual seedstem, exclusive of any leaves or leafstems attached to the top of the seedstem.

Subpart—United States Consumer Standards for Celery Stalks

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GENERAL

§ 51.595 General.

These standards do not apply to celery hearts.

GRADES

§ 51.596 U.S. Grade AA.

U.S. Grade AA shall consist of stalks of celery of similar varietal characteristics, which are well developed, and have good heart formation; which are clean, well trimmed, fairly compact, and are free from blackheart, brown stem, decay (except dry type crater rot), doubles, and from damage caused by crater rot, wilting, cutworms, freezing, suckers, growth cracks, hollow crown, pithy branches, seedstems, rust, cracked stem, other diseases, insects or mechanical or other means.

(a) The average midrib length of the outer whorl of branches on stalks in this grade shall be not less than 7 inches. (See §§ 51.599 and 51.600.)

(b) Incident to proper grading and handling other than for average midrib length of branches not more than 5 percent, by count, of the stalks in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the grade including not more than 1 percent for stalks affected by moist type decay. In addition, not more than

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3 percent, by count, of the stalks in any lot may fail to meet the requirements as to average midrib length of the stalks.

§ 51.597 U.S. Grade A.

U.S. Grade A shall consist of stalks of celery of similar varietal characteristics which are fairly well developed and have fairly good heart formation; which are clean, well trimmed, and not badly spread, and which are free from blackheart, decay (except dry type crater rot), doubles, and from damage caused by crater rot, brown stem, wilting, cutworms, freezing, suckers, growth cracks, hollow crown, pithy branches, seedstems, rust, cracked stem, other diseases, insects, or mechanical or other means.

(a) The average midrib length of the outer whorl of branches on stalks in this grade shall be not less than 5 inches. (See §§ 51.599 and 51.600.)

(b) Incident to proper grading and handling other than for average midrib length of branches, not more than 5 percent, by count, of the stalks in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the grade including not more than 1 percent for stalks affected by moist type decay. In addition, not more than 3 percent, by count, of the stalks in any lot may fail to meet the requirements as to average midrib length of the stalks.

§ 51.598 U.S. Grade B.

U.S. Grade B shall consist of stalks of celery of similar varietal characteristics which are fairly well developed, which are clean, well trimmed and free from blackheart, decay (except dry type crater rot), doubles, and from serious damage caused by crater rot, brown stem, wilting, cutworms, freezing, suckers, growth cracks, hollow crown, pithy branches, seedstems, rust, cracked stem, other diseases, insects, or mechanical or other means.

(a) The average midrib length of the outer whorl of branches on stalks in this grade shall be not less than 4 inches. (See §§ 51.599 and 51.600.)

(b) Incident to proper grading and handling other than for average midrib length of branches, not more than 5 percent, by count, of the stalks in any lot may fail to meet the requirements