

Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Red Tart Pitted Cherries

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND GRADES

§ 52.801 Product description.

Frozen red tart pitted cherries is the food prepared from properly matured cherries of the domestic (*Prunus cerasus*) red sour varietal group which have been washed, pitted, sorted, and properly drained; may be packed with or without a nutritive sweetened packing medium or any other substance permitted under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and are frozen and stored at temperatures necessary for the preservation of the product.

§ 52.802 Grades of frozen red tart pitted cherries.

(a) "U.S. Grade A" (or "U.S. Fancy") is the quality of frozen red tart pitted cherries of which not more than five (5) cherries per sample unit may be less than 1/16 inch (14 mm) in diameter, and that:

- (1) Possess a good red color;
- (2) Are practically free from pits;
- (3) Are practically free from defects;
- (4) Have a good character;
- (5) Possess a normal flavor; and
- (6) Score not less than 90 points when scored in accordance with the scoring system outlined in this subpart.

(b) "U.S. Grade B" (or "U.S. Choice") is the quality of frozen red tart pitted cherries of which not more than ten (10) cherries per sample unit may be less than 1/16 inch (14 mm) in diameter, and that:

- (1) Possess a reasonably good red color;
- (2) Are reasonably free from pits;
- (3) Are reasonably free from defects;
- (4) Have a reasonably good character;
- (5) Possess a normal flavor; and
- (6) Score not less than 80 points when scored in accordance with the scoring system outlined in this subpart.

(c) "U.S. Grade C" (or "U.S. Standard") is the quality of frozen red tart pitted cherries that:

- (1) Possess a fairly good red color;
 - (2) Are fairly free from pits;
 - (3) Are fairly free from defects;
 - (4) Have a fairly good character;
 - (5) Possess a normal flavor; and
 - (6) Score not less than 70 points when scored in accordance with the scoring system outlined in this subpart.
- (d) "Substandard" is the quality of frozen red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements of U.S. Grade C.

SAMPLE UNIT SIZE

§ 52.803 Sample unit size.

Compliance with requirements for size and the various quality factors is based on the following sample unit sizes for the applicable factor:

- (a) Pits, character, and harmless extraneous material—20 ounces of drained cherries.
- (b) Size, color, and defects (other than harmless extraneous material)—100 cherries.

FACTORS OF QUALITY

§ 52.804 Ascertaining the grade of a sample unit.

(a) The grade of frozen red tart pitted cherries is determined immediately after thawing to the extent that the cherries may be separated easily and the cherries are free from ice and solidified packing media. The grade is determined by considering in addition to the requirements of the respective grade (including the requirement of the size in U.S. Grade A and U.S. Grade B), the respective ratings of the factors of color, pits, absence of defects, character, the total score, and the limiting rules which may be applicable.

(b) The relative importance of each factor is expressed numerically on a scale of 100. The maximum number of points that may be given each factor is:

Factors	Points
Color	30
Freedom from pits	20
Freedom from defects	20
Character	30
Total score	100

(c) *Normal flavor* means that the flavor is characteristic of frozen red tart