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§ 29.3156 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript Thin to tissuey body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1F	First Quality Medium Colored Nondescript Fleshy to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to fleshy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2L	Second Quality Light to Medium Colored Nondescript Medium to tissuey body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R	Second Quality Medium to Dark Colored Nondescript Heavy to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2G	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript Over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3157 Scrap (S Group).

A by-product of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
S	Scrap. Loose, tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or web portions of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

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SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES

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14 Grades of Flying			
X1L	X5L	X4F	X4G
X2L	X1F	X5F	X5G
X3L	X2F	X4M	
X4L	X3F	X5M	

21 Grades of Lugs or Cutters

C1L	C2F	C5K	C5V
C2L	C3F	C3M	C4G
C3L	C4F	C4M	C5G
C4L	C5F	C5M	
C5L	C3K	C3V	
C1F	C4K	C4V	

39 Grades of Leaf

B1F	B3FR	B3K	B3VR
B2F	B4FR	B4K	B4VR
B3F	B5FR	B5K	B5VR
B4F	B1R	B2M	B3GF
B5F	B2R	B3M	B4GF
B2FL	B3R	B4M	B5GF
B3FL	B4R	B5M	B3GR
B4FL	B5R	B3VF	B4GR
B1FR	B4D	B4VF	B5GR
B2FR	B5D	B5VF	

21 Grades of Tips

T3F	T3R	T5K	T5GF
T4F	T4R	T4VF	T4GR
T5F	T5R	T5VF	T5GR
T3FR	T4D	T4VR	
T4FR	T5D	T5VR	
T5FR	T4K	T4GF	

8 Grades of Mixed Group

M3F	M5F	M4FR	M4K
M4F	M3FR	M5FR	M5K

7 Grades of Nondescript

N1L	N1R	N2L	N2G
N1F	N1G	N2R	

1 Grade of Scrap

S

Special factors "U", "W" and "S" may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated by No-G or No-G-Nested.

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KEY TO STANDARD GRADEMARKS

§ 29.3182 Key to standard grademarks.

Groups

- X—Flying.
- C—Lugs or Cutters
- B—Leaf.
- T—Tips.
- M—Mixed.
- N—Nondescript.
- S—Scrap.

Qualities

- 1—Choice.
- 2—Fine.
- 3—Good.
- 4—Fair.

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5—Low.

Colors

- L—Buff.
- F—Tan.
- FL—Tannish buff.
- FR—Tannish red.
- R—Red.
- D—Dark red.
- K—Variegated.
- M—Mixed.
- V—Greenish.
- VF—Greenish tan.
- VR—Greenish red.
- G—Green.
- GF—Green tan.
- GR—Green red.

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OFFICIAL STANDARD GRADES FOR DARK AIR-CURED TOBACCO (U.S. TYPES 35, 36, 37 AND FOREIGN TYPE 95)

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DEFINITIONS

§ 29.3501 Definitions.

As used in §§ 29.3501 to 29.3686, the words and phrases hereinafter defined shall have the indicated meanings so assigned.

§ 29.3502 Air-cured.

Tobacco cured under natural atmospheric conditions without the use of fire, except for the purpose of preventing pole-burn in damp weather.

§ 29.3503 Air-dried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco as customarily prepared for storage under natural atmospheric conditions.

§ 29.3504 Body.

The thickness and density of a leaf or the weight per unit of surface. (See Elements of Quality, § 29.3586.)

§ 29.3505 Brown colors.

A group of colors ranging from a light brown to a dark brown. These colors vary from medium to low saturation and from medium to very low brilliance. As used in these standards,

the colors are expressed as light brown (L), medium brown (F), reddish brown (R), and dark brown (D).

§ 29.3506 Class.

A major division of tobacco based on method of cure or principal usage.

§ 29.3507 Clean.

Tobacco is described as clean when it contains only a normal amount of sand or soil particles. Leaves grown on the lower portion of the stalk normally contain more dirt or sand than those from higher stalk positions. (See Rule 4, § 29.3605.)

§ 29.3508 Color.

The third factor of a grade based on the relative hues, saturations or chromas, and color values common to the type.

§ 29.3509 Color intensity.

The varying degree of saturation or chroma. Color intensity as applied to tobacco describes the strength or weakness of a specific color or hue. It is applicable to all colors except green. (See Elements of Quality, § 29.3586.)

§ 29.3510 Color symbols.

As applied to Dark Air-cured tobacco, color symbols are L—light brown, F—medium brown, R—reddish brown, D—dark brown, M—mixed, and G—green.

§ 29.3511 Condition.

The state of tobacco which results from the method of preparation or from the degree of fermentation. Words used to describe the condition of tobacco are: Undried, air-dried, steam-dried, sweating, sweated, and aged.

§ 29.3512 Crude.

A subdegree of maturity. Crude leaves are usually hard and slick as a result of extreme immaturity. A similar condition may result from firekill, sunburn, or sunscald. Any leaf which is crude to the extent of 20 percent or more of its leaf surface may be described as crude. (See Rule 20, § 29.3621.)