

and any portions thereof) that is harmless.

(3) *Mutilated cherry* means a cherry that is so pitter-torn or damaged by other means that the entire pit cavity is exposed and the appearance of the cherry is seriously affected.

(4) *Minor blemished cherry* means any cherry blemished with skin discoloration (other than scald) having an aggregate area of a circle 9/32 inch (7 mm) or less in diameter which more than slightly affects the appearance of the cherry but does not extend into the fruit tissue.

(5) *Blemished cherry* means any cherry blemished by skin discoloration (other than scald) which in the aggregate exceeds the area of a circle 9/32 inch (7 mm) in diameter. A cherry affected by skin discoloration extending into the fruit tissue or by scab, hail injury, scar tissue, or other abnormality, regardless of size, is considered a blemished cherry.

(b) (A) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that are practically free from defects may be given a score of 27 to 30 points. "Practically free from defects" means that the number of defects that may be present does not exceed the number specified for the type of defects in Table IV.

(c) (B) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that are reasonably free from defects may be given a score of 24 to 26 points. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fall into this classification may not be graded above U.S. Grade B, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). "Reasonably free from defects" means that the number of defects that may be present does not exceed the number specified for the type of defects in Table IV.

(d) (C) *classification*. If the canned red tart pitted cherries are fairly free from defects, a score of 21 to 23 points may be given. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fall into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade C, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). "Fairly free from defects" means that the number of defects that may be present

does not exceed the number specified for the type of defects in Table IV.

(e) (SStd.) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for Grade C for any reason may be given a score of 0 to 20 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

§ 52.781 Character.

(a) *General*. The factor of character refers to the physical characteristics of the flesh of the cherries.

(b) (A) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a good character may be given a score of 27 to 30 points. "Good character" means that the cherries are thick-fleshed and have a firm, tender texture.

(c) (B) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a reasonably good character may be given a score of 24 to 26 points. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fall into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade B, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). "Reasonably good character" means that the cherries may be reasonably thick-fleshed and may be slightly soft.

(d) (C) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a fairly good character may be given a score of 21 to 23 points. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fall into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade C, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). "Fairly good character" means that the cherries may be thin-fleshed, and may be soft but not mushy, or slightly tough but not leathery.

(e) (SStd.) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for U.S. Grade C may be given a score of 0 to 20 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

ALLOWANCES FOR QUALITY FACTORS

§ 52.782 Allowances for quality factors.

TABLE IV—ALLOWANCES FOR QUALITY FACTORS

| Factor | Sample unit size | Maximum number permissible for the respective grade | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | | A | A | B | B | C | C |
| Pits | 20 ozs | Not more than 2 in any sample unit. | Sample average 1 per 40 ozs. | Not more than 3 in any sample unit. | Sample average 1 per 30 ozs. | 4 or more in any sample unit. | Sample average 1 per 20 ozs. |
| Defects: | 100 cherries .. | 10 ..... | ..... | 15 ..... | ..... | 20. | ..... |
| Total—mutilated, plus minor blemished plus blemished.. of which | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Blemished—limited to Harmless extraneous material. | Total contents | 3 | Average 1 piece per 60 oz. net contents. | 7 | Average 1.5 pieces per 60 oz. net contents. | 15. | Average 3 piece per 60 oz. net contents. |

LOT COMPLIANCE

(SStd.)

²0-20

§ 52.783 **Ascertaining the grade of a lot.**

The grade of a lot of canned red tart pitted cherries covered by these standards is determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products (§§ 52.1 to 52.87).

Total score 100

Normal flavor
Grade

¹ See size limitation for U.S. Grade A and U.S. Grade B.
² Indicates limiting rule.

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

SCORE SHEET

§ 52.784 **Score sheet for canned red tart pitted cherries.**

Size and kind of container
Container mark or identification
Label
Net weight (ounces)
Vacuum (inches)
Drained weight (ounces)
Sirup designation (extra heavy, heavy, etc.)
Brix measurement
Size¹

| Factors | Score points |
|-----------------------|---|
| Color | 20 (A) 18-20 (B) 16-17 (C) ² 14-15 (SStd.) ² 0-13 |
| Freedom from pits. | 20 (A) 18-20 (b) ² 16-17 (C) ² 14-15 (SStd.) ² 0-13 |
| Freedom from defects. | 30 (A) 27-30 (B) ² 24-26 (C) ² 21-23 (SStd.) ² 0-20 |
| Character | 30 (A) 27-30 (B) ² 24-26 (C) ² 21-23 |