

§51.3196

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- (14) Disease;
- (15) Insects; and,
- (16) Other means.
- (d) For size and tolerances see §§51.3198 and 51.3199.

§51.3196 U.S. Combination.

U.S. Combination consists of a combination of U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 onions: *Provided*, That at least 50 percent, by weight, of the onions in each lot meet the requirements of U.S. No. 1 grade. (See §§51.3198 and 51.3199.)

§51.3197 U.S. No. 2.

U.S. No. 2 consists of onions which meet the following requirements:

- (a) Basic requirements:
 - (1) Similar varietal characteristics; and,
 - (2) Not soft or spongy.
- (b) Free from:
 - (1) Decay;
 - (2) Wet sunscald; and,
 - (3) Bottlenecks.
- (c) Free from serious damage caused by:

- (1) Seedstems;
- (2) Dry sunken areas;
- (3) Sprouting;
- (4) Staining;
- (5) Dirt or other foreign material;
- (6) Mechanical;
- (7) Watery scales;
- (8) Insects;
- (9) Disease; and,
- (10) Other means.
- (d) For size and tolerances see §§51.3198 and 51.3199.

SIZE CLASSIFICATIONS

§51.3198 Size classifications.

Size shall be specified in connection with the grade in terms of minimum diameter, range in diameter, minimum diameter with a percentage of a certain size or larger, or in accordance with one of the size classifications listed below: *Provided*, that unless otherwise specified, onions shall not be less than 1½ inches in diameter, with 60 percent or more 2 inches or larger in diameter.

Size designation	Minimum diameter		Maximum diameter	
	Inches	Millimeters	Inches	Millimeters
Small	1	25.4	2¼	57.2
Repacker/Prepacker ¹	1¾	44.5	3	76.2
Medium	2	50.8	3¼	82.6
Large or Jumbo	3	76.2	(²)
Colossal	3¾	95.3	(²)

¹ In addition to the sizes specified, a lot of onions designated as Repacker or Prepacker shall contain at least 60 percent or more 2 inches or larger in diameter.
² No requirement.

TOLERANCES

§51.3199 Tolerances.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling in each of the foregoing grades the following tolerances, by weight, are provided as specified:

- (a) For defects:
 - (1) *U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades.* Not more than 10 percent of the onions in a lot may fail to meet the requirements of these grades, but not more than one-fifth of this tolerance, or 2 percent, may be allowed for onions which are affected by decay or wet sunscald.
 - (2) *U.S. Combination grade.* When applying the foregoing tolerances to this grade no part of any tolerance shall be

allowed to reduce, for the lot as a whole, the 50 percent of onions of the U.S. No. 1 grade, but individual containers shall have not less than 40 percent of the U.S. No. 1 grade.

- (b) For size:
 - (1) Not more than 5 percent of the onions in a lot may be smaller than the minimum diameter specified. In addition, not more than 10 percent of the onions in a lot may be larger than the maximum diameter specified.
 - (2) When a percentage of the onions is specified to be a certain size and larger, individual packages containing more than 10 pounds may have not less than one-half of the percentage specified: *Provided*, that the entire lot averages within the percentage specified.