

cherry, that is larger than one-half pit shell is considered as one pit;

(ii) A single piece of pit shell, whether or not within or attached to a whole cherry, that is not larger than one-half pit shell is considered as one-half pit;

(iii) Pieces of pit shell, within or attached to a whole cherry, when their combined size is larger than one-half pit shell are considered as one pit; and

(iv) Pieces of pit shell, within or attached to a whole cherry, when their combined size is not larger than one-half pit shell are considered as one-half pit.

(2) *Drained cherries* means pitted cherries that are substantially free from any adhering sirup, sugar, or other packing medium.

(c) (A) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are practically free from pits may be given a score of 18 to 20 points. "Practically free from pits" means that the number of pits that may be present does not exceed the allowances for this classification specified in Table I.

(d) (B) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are reasonably free from pits may be given a score of 16 or 17 points. Frozen 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 free from pits" means that the number of pits that may be present does not exceed the number specified in Table I.

(e) (C) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are fairly free from pits may be given a score of 14 or 15 points. Frozen 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 pits" means that the number of pits that may be present does not exceed the number specified in Table I.

(f) (SStd.) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for U.S. Grade C may be given a score of 0 to 13 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

#### § 52.808 Freedom from defects.

(a) *General*. The factor of freedom from defects refers to the degree of freedom from harmless extraneous material, mutilated cherries, and cherries blemished by scab, hail injury, discoloration, scar tissue, or by other means.

(1) *Cherry* means a whole cherry, whether or not pitted, or portions of such cherries which in the aggregate approximate the average size of the cherries.

(2) *Harmless extraneous material* means any vegetable substance (including, but not being limited to, a leaf or a stem 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 discoloration (other than scald) having an aggregate area of a circle  $\frac{1}{32}$  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  $\frac{1}{32}$  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*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are practically free from defects may be given a score of 18 to 20 points. "Practically free from defects" means that the number of defects that may be present does not exceed the number specified for the applicable type of defect in Table I.

(c) (B) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are reasonably free from defects may be given a score of 16 or 17 points. Frozen 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 free from defects" means that the number of defects that may be present does not exceed the number

specified for the applicable type of defect in Table I.

(d) (C) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that are fairly free from defects may be given a score of 14 or 15 points. Frozen 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 applicable type of defect in Table I.

(e) (SStd.) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for Grade C may be given a score of 0 to 13 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

**§ 52.809 Character.**

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

(b) (A) *Classification*. Frozen 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*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that have a reasonably good character may be given a score of 24 to 26 points. Frozen 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 slightly soft.

(d) (C) *Classification*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that have a fairly good character may be given a score of 21 to 23 points. Frozen 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*. Frozen red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for 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

**§ 52.810 Allowances for quality factors.**

TABLE I—ALLOWANCES FOR QUALITY FACTORS

Factor	Sample unit size	Maximum number permissible for the respective grade		
		A	B	C
Color: Vary markedly or undercolored.	100 cherries .....	12 .....	18 .....	25.
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: Total-mutilated, minor blemished, and blemished of which.	100 cherries .....	10 .....	15 .....	20.
Blemished—limited to Harmless extraneous material.	20 ozs .....	3 .....	7 .....	15.
		Average 1 piece per 60 oz. net contents.	Average 1 piece per 40 oz. net contents.	Average 1 piece per 20 oz. net contents.

LOT COMPLIANCE

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

The grade of a lot of frozen 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 through 52.83).