

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 52.3184**

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION, VARIETAL  
TYPES, SIZES, GRADES

**§ 52.3181 Product description.**

Dried prunes are prepared from sound, properly matured prune plums from which the greater portion of moisture is removed by drying. The dried prunes are cleaned to assure a wholesome product; they may be treated with water or steam; and a safe and suitable preservative may be added.

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**§ 52.3182 Varietal types of dried prunes.**

- (a) *Type I.* French; or Robe; or a mixture of French and Robe.
- (b) *Type II.* Italian.
- (c) *Type III.* Imperial; or Sugar; or a mixture of Imperial and Sugar.
- (d) *Type IV.* Any other types; or mixtures of any types other than mixtures in Type I and Type III of this section.

**§ 52.3183a Styles of dried prunes.**

- (a) Whole Unpitted—from which pits have not been removed.
- (b) Whole Pitted—from which pits have been removed.

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**§ 52.3183b Count-sizes of whole unpitted dried prunes.**

(a) *Count-sizes.* Except for U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy, the count-sizes of dried prunes are not incorporated in the grades of dried prunes. The count-sizes of dried prunes in this subpart refer to the count (or number) of prunes per pound of dried prunes. The various sizes of dried prunes for the respective varietal types are commonly designated as follows, but may be designated by other numerical expressions:

- (1) *Type I; Type IV.* 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100, 100/120, 120 and over.
- (2) *Type II.* 25/35, 35/45, 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70, 70/80, 80/90, 90/100.
- (3) *Type III.* 15/20, 18/24, 20/30, 30/40, 40/50, 50/60, 60/70.

(b) *Recommended size nomenclature.* The following size nomenclature is rec-

ommended for the respective "countsizes" of dried prunes:

Extra large ...	Average: Not more than 43 prunes per pound.
Large .....	Average: Not more than 53 prunes per pound.
Medium .....	Average: Not more than 67 prunes per pound.
Small .....	Average: Not more than 85 prunes per pound.

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**§ 52.3184 Grades of dried prunes.**

(a) "U.S. Grade A" or "U.S. Fancy" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size and average 85 prunes or less per pound; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table I of this subpart.

(b) "U.S. Grade B" or "U.S. Choice" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table II of this subpart.

(c) "U.S. Grade C" or "U.S. Standard" is the quality of dried prunes that, except for mixed types, possess similar varietal characteristics; that are fairly uniform in size; that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that do not exceed the total allowances and limitations for defects shown in Table III of this subpart.

(d) "Substandard" is the quality of dried prunes that meet the applicable moisture limits in Table IV of this subpart but regardless of size and kind of packaging are reasonably uniform in moisture; and that may fail to meet