

UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF SHELLLED PISTACHIO NUTS

Current standard	Proposed	Discussion
§ 51.2555 General (a) Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with provisions of applicable Federal or State laws. (b) These standards are applicable to raw, roasted, or salted pistachio kernels; or any combination thereof. However, nuts of obviously dissimilar forms shall not be commingled.	§ 51.2555 General (a) Compliance with the provisions of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with provisions of applicable Federal or State laws. (b) These standards are applicable to raw, roasted, or salted pistachio or salted/roasted pistachio kernels.	The proposed change in section (b) provides the latitude to use the U.S. grade standards for kernels which have been both salted and roasted.
§ 51.2556 Grades (a) "U.S. Fancy," "U.S. No. 1," and "U.S. No. 2" consist of pistachio kernels which meet the following basic requirements:	§ 51.2556 Grades (a) "U.S. Fancy," "U.S. Extra No. 1," and "U.S. No. 1" consist of pistachio kernels which meet the following basic requirements:	The grade names of "U.S. No. 1" and "U.S. No. 2" are proposed to be changed to "U.S. Extra No. 1" and "U.S. No. 1." This would harmonize the grade references with other tree nut standards and observe current industry marketing terms.
(1) Well dried, or very well dried when specified in connection with the grade. (2) Free from: (1) Foreign material, including in-shell nuts, shells, or shell fragments. (3) Free from damage by:	(1) Well dried, or very well dried when specified in connection with the grade. (2) Free from: (1) Foreign material, including in-shell nuts, shells, or shell fragments. (3) Free from damage by:	There is no change in this text.
(i) Minor mold; (ii) Immature kernels; (iii) Spotting; and, (iv) Other defects.	(i) Immature kernels; (ii) Kernel spotting; and, (iii) Other defects.	The term "minor mold" is proposed to be deleted as the term is no longer used by the industry. All visible mold is considered under the same grading category. This would result in a rearrangement of the current outline designations for other factors in the standards. The term "Spotting" is revised to "Kernel spotting" to correspond with the term defined in § 51.2560.
(4) Free from serious damage by: (i) Mold; (ii) Minor insect or vertebrate injury; (iii) Insect damage; (iv) Rancidity; (v) Decay; and, (vi) Other defects.	(4) Free from serious damage by: (i) Mold; (ii) Minor insect or vertebrate injury; (iii) Insect damage; (iv) Rancidity; (v) Decay; and, (vi) Other defects.	(vi) There is no change in this text.
(5) Unless otherwise specified, kernels shall meet the size classification of Whole Kernels (See § 51.2559).	(5) Unless otherwise specified, kernels shall meet the size classification of Jumbo Whole Kernels (See § 51.2559).	The size classification "Whole Kernels" is proposed to be changed to "Jumbo Whole Kernels" to be the same as current industry use.
§ 51.2557 Tolerances (a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the tolerances, by weight, in Table I are provided.	§ 51.2557 Tolerances (a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the tolerances, by weight, in Table I are provided.	There is no change in this text.

TABLE I

Factor (tolerances by weight)	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
	U.S. fancy	U.S. fancy	U.S. No. 1	U.S. extra No. 1	U.S. No. 2	U.S. No. 1
	Percent		Percent		Percent	
(a) Damage	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
(b) Serious Damage	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
(1) Insect Damage, mold, rancid, decay, included in (b)3	.3	.4	.4	.5	.5
(c) Foreign Material03	.03	.05	.05	.1	.1

Table I Discussion:

Column headings are changed to correspond with grade name changes. There is no change in the tolerances for the re-designated grade names, as compared to previous grade names.