

**§ 51.2543 U.S. Non-Split.**

“U.S. Non-Split” consists of non-split pistachio nuts in the shell which meet the following requirements:

(a) Basic requirements:

(1) Free from:

(i) Foreign material;

(ii) Loose kernels;

(iii) Shell pieces;

(iv) Particles and dust; and,

(v) Blanks.

(b) Shells:

(1) Free from damage by:

(i) Adhering hull material; and,

(ii) Dark stain.

(c) Kernels:

(1) Well dried, or very well dried when specified in connection with the grade.

(2) Free from damage by:

(i) Immature kernels;

(ii) Kernel spotting; and,

(iii) Other internal (kernel) defects.

(3) Free from serious damage by:

(i) Minor insect or vertebrate injury;

(ii) Insect damage;

(iii) Mold;

(iv) Rancidity;

(v) Decay; and,

(vi) Other Internal (kernel) defects.

(d) The nuts are of a size not less than  $\frac{30}{64}$  inch in diameter as measured by a round hole screen.

(e) For Tolerances, see § 51.2544.

6. Section 51.2544 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 51.2544 Tolerances.**

(a) In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the tolerances in Tables I, II, and III of this section are provided.

TABLE I.—TOLERANCES

Factor	U.S. fancy	U.S. extra No. 1	U.S. No. 1	U.S. select	U.S. artificially opened	U.S. non-split
External (shell) Defects (tolerances by weight)	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
(a) Non-split and not split on suture .....	2	3	6	10	10	N/A
(1) Non-split included in (a) .....	1	2	3	4	4	N/A
(b) Adhering hull material .....	1	1	1	2	2	2
(c) Light stained .....	7	12	25	N/A	N/A	N/A
(1) Dark stained, included in (c) .....	2	3	3	3	3	3
(d) Damage by other means .....	1	1	2	3	10	N/A
(e) Total External Defects .....	9	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(f) Undersized (Less than 30/64 inch in diameter): .....	5	5	5	5	4	5

TABLE II.—TOLERANCES

Factor	U.S. fancy	U.S. extra No. 1	U.S. No. 1	U.S. select	U.S. artificially opened	U.S. non-split
Internal (Kernel) Defects (tolerances by weight)	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
(a) Damage .....	3	6	6	6	6	6
(b) Serious Damage .....	3	4	4	4	4	4
(1) Insect Damage, Mold, Rancid, Decay, included in (b) .....	1	2	2	2	2	2
(c) Total Internal Defects .....	4	8	9	9	9	9

TABLE III.—TOLERANCES

Factor	U.S. fancy	U.S. extra No. 1	U.S. No. 1	U.S. select	U.S. artificially opened	U.S. non-split
Other Defects (tolerances by weight)	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
(a) Shell pieces and Blanks .....	2	2	2	2	2	2
(1) Blanks, included in (a) .....	1	1	1	1	1	1
(b) Foreign material (No glass, metal or live insects shall be permitted) .....	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
(c) Particles and Dust .....	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
(d) Loose kernels .....	4	5	6	6	6	6

7. Section 51.2545 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 51.2545 Application of tolerances.**

The tolerances for the grades apply to the entire lot and shall be based on a composite sample drawn from containers throughout the lot. Any container or group of containers which have nuts obviously different in quality

or size from those in the majority of the containers shall be considered a separate lot and shall be sampled separately.

8. Section 51.2546 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 51.2546 Size.**

Nuts may be considered as meeting a size designation specified in Table IV or

a range in number of nuts per ounce, provided, the weight of 10 percent, by count, of the largest nuts in a sample does not exceed 1.50 times the weight of 10 percent, by count, of the smallest and the average number of nuts per ounce is not more than one-half nut above or below the extremes of the range specified.