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CHAPTER 06**

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

This chapter is adopted under the legal authority of Section 22-702, Idaho Code. (6-30-19)T

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. The title of this chapter is IDAPA 02.2.06, “Idaho Standards for Grades of Sweet Cherries.” (6-30-19)T

02. Scope. These rules govern the criteria and standards developed by industry and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to determine the quality of Idaho grown cherries. (6-30-19)T

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

There are no written interpretations of these rules. (6-30-19)T

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

Persons are entitled to appeal agency actions authorized under these rules pursuant to Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code. (6-30-19)T

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

There are no documents incorporated by reference in this chapter. (6-30-19)T

005. ADDRESS, OFFICE HOURS, TELEPHONE, FAX NUMBERS, WEB ADDRESS.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture central office is located at 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712-8298. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays. The mailing address is PO Box 7249, Boise, Idaho 83707. The phone number is (208) 332-8500 and the fax number is (208) 334-2170. The Department web address is <https://agri.idaho.gov/>. (6-30-19)T

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.

These rules have been promulgated according to the provisions of Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code and are public records. (6-30-19)T

007. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Similar Varietal Characteristics. Cherries in any container are similar in color and shape. (7-1-93)

02. Mature. Cherries have reached the stage of growth that will insure the proper completion of the ripening process. (7-1-93)

03. Fairly Well Colored. At least ninety-five (95%) percent of the surface of the cherry shows characteristic color for mature cherries of the variety. (7-1-93)

04. Well Formed. The cherry has the normal shape characteristic of the variety, except that mature well developed doubles shall be considered well formed when each of the halves is approximately evenly formed. (7-1-93)

05. Clean. The cherries are practically free from dirt, dust, spray residue, or other foreign material. (7-1-93)

011. (RESERVED)

012. IDAHO NO. 1 GRADE AND TOLERANCES DEFINED.

01. Idaho No. 1. Idaho No. 1 will consist of sweet cherries that meet the following requirements: Similar varietal characteristics; mature; fairly well colored; well formed and clean; free from decay, insect larvae or holes caused by them, soft overripe or shriveled, underdeveloped doubles and sunscald; and free from damage by any other cause. (7-1-93)

02. Size. Unless otherwise specified, the minimum diameter of each cherry shall be not less than three-fourths (3/4) inch. The maximum diameter of the cherries in any lot may be specified in accordance with the facts. (7-1-93)

03. Tolerances. In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, the following tolerances, by count, are provided as specified: (7-1-93)

a. For Defects at Shipping Point: Idaho No. 1. Eight percent (8%) for cherries that fail to meet the requirements for this grade: PROVIDED, That included in this amount not more than four percent (4%) shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage, including in this latter amount not more than one-half of one percent (.50%) for cherries that are affected by decay. NOTE: Shipping point, as used in these standards, means the point of origin of the shipment in the producing area or at port of loading for ship stores or overseas shipment, or, in the case of shipments from outside the continental United States, the port of entry into the United States. (7-1-93)

b. For Defects Enroute or at Destination: Idaho No. 1. Twenty-four percent (24%) for cherries in any lot that fail to meet the requirements for this grade: PROVIDED, that included in this amount not more than the following percentages shall be allowed for defects listed: (7-1-93)

i. Eight percent (8%) for cherries that fail to meet the requirements for this grade because of permanent defects; or (7-1-93)

ii. Six percent (6%) for cherries that are seriously damaged, including therein not more than four percent (4%) for cherries that are seriously damaged by permanent defects and not more than two percent (2%) for cherries that are affected by decay. (7-1-93)

c. For Off-Size. Five percent (5%) for cherries that fail to meet the specified minimum diameter and ten percent (10%) for cherries that fail to meet any specified maximum diameter. (7-1-93)

013. -- 049. (RESERVED)

050. APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES.

Individual samples shall have not more than double the tolerances specified, except that at least two (2) defective and two (2) off-size specimens may be permitted in any sample: PROVIDED, that the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade. (7-1-93)

051. -- 149. (RESERVED)

150. DAMAGE.

Any specific defect or any equally objectionable variation of any one (1) of these defects, any other defect, or any defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage: (6-30-19)T

01. Cracks Within the Stem Cavity. Cracks within the stem cavity when deep or not well healed, or when the appearance is affected to a greater extent than that of a cherry that has a superficial well healed crack one-sixteenth (1/16) inch in width extending one-half (1/2) the greatest circumference of the stem cavity. (7-1-93)

02. Cracks Outside Stem Cavity. Cracks outside of the stem cavity when deep or not well healed, or when the crack has weakened the cherry to the extent that it is likely to split or break in the process of proper grading, packing and handling, or when materially affecting the appearance. (7-1-93)

03. Hail Injury. Hail injury when deep or not well healed, or when the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle three-sixteenths (3/16) inch in diameter. (7-1-93)

04. Insects. Insects when scale or more than one scale mark is present, or when the appearance is materially affected by any insect. (7-1-93)

05. Limb Rubs. Limb rubs when affecting the appearance of the cherry to a greater extent than the amount of scarring permitted. (7-1-93)

06. Pulled Stems. Pulled stems when the skin or flesh is torn, or when the cherry is leaking. (7-1-93)

07. Russeting. Russeting when affecting the appearance of the cherry to a greater extent than the amount of scarring permitted. (7-1-93)

08. Scars. Scars when excessively deep or rough or dark colored and the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle three-sixteenths (3/16) inch in diameter, or when smooth or fairly smooth, light colored and superficial and the aggregate area exceeds the area of a circle one-fourth (1/4) inch in diameter. (7-1-93)

09. Skin Breaks. Skin breaks when not well healed or when the appearance of the cherry is materially affected. (7-1-93)

10. Sutures. Sutures when excessively deep or when effecting the shape of the cherry to the extent that it is not well formed. (7-1-93)

151. -- 199. (RESERVED)

200. DIAMETER.
The greatest dimension measured at right angles to a line from the stem to the blossom end of the cherry. (7-1-93)

201. -- 249. (RESERVED)

250. SERIOUS DAMAGE.
Any specific defect or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects that seriously detracts from the appearance or the edible or marketing quality of the fruit. The following specific defects shall be considered as serious damage: (6-30-19)T

01. Decay. (7-1-93)

02. Insect Larvae. Insect larvae or holes caused by them. (7-1-93)

03. Skin Breaks. Skin breaks that are not well healed. (7-1-93)

04. Cracks. Cracks that are not well healed. (7-1-93)

05. Pulled Stems. Pulled stems with skin or flesh of cherry torn or that causes the cherry to leak. (7-1-93)

251. -- 299. (RESERVED)

300. PERMANENT DEFECTS.
Defects that are not subject to change during shipping or storage; including, but not limited to, factors of shape, scarring, skin breaks, injury caused by hail or insects, and mechanical injury that is so located as to indicate that it occurred prior to shipment. (7-1-93)

301. -- 349. (RESERVED)

350. CONDITION DEFECTS.

“Condition defects” means defects that may develop or change during shipment or storage; including but not limited to decayed or soft cherries and such factors as pitting, shriveling, sunken areas, brown discoloration and bruising that is so located as to indicate that it occurred after packing. (7-1-93)

351. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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