



United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division

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DOCUMENT: Apples Shipping Point and Market Inspection Instructions March 2005

REMARKS: This patch provides examples that reiterate current USDA policy regarding the scoring of condition defects for fresh apples after storage or transit, and corresponding grade statements. In addition, information regarding exporting apples from the U.S. or through the U.S. to Canada is included.

The restrictive percentages of defects listed in the Export Apple Act, and in Section 51.321 U.S. Condition Standards for Export, in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Apples are separate from the requirements of the grade. Therefore, all condition defects must be evaluated on the basis of injury, damage and serious damage based on the grade being applied.

Determining and Reporting Grade When Applicable Grade Tolerances Are Exceeded

Shipping Point:

At time of packing, prior to storage or transit: Score all defects (permanent quality and condition defects) against the grade. For example, report a lot with 12% injury by bruising, and no other defects, as “Fails to grade U.S. Extra Fancy account grade defects” or applicable grade according to the facts (see certificate example 1).

After storage (more than 7 days): Separate defects based on quality and condition factors. For example, report a lot with 12% injury by limb rubs as “Fails to grade U.S. Extra Fancy account grade defects” or applicable grade. If the lot had 12% injury by bruising, or other condition defect(s) that exceeded the tolerances for grade, and the quality defects did not exceed the lot/container tolerance, report the lot as “U.S. Extra Fancy, bruising being a factor of condition” or applicable grade (see certificate example 2).

Market Inspections (en route or at destination):

Separate defects based on quality and condition factors. Report a lot with 12 % injury by limb rubs as “Fails to grade U.S. Extra Fancy account quality” or applicable grade. If the lot had 12%

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injury by bruising, or other condition defect(s) that exceeded the tolerances for grade, report the lot as “U.S. Extra Fancy, bruising being a factor of condition” (see certificate example 3).

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Requirements for Apples Exported from the U.S. or Through the U.S. to Canada

Minimum Grade Requirements:

Apples must meet Canada Extra Fancy or Canada Fancy Grade. These grades are met when apples meet U.S. Extra Fancy, U.S. Fancy, or U.S. No. 1 (Canada Fancy color). Minimum size is 60 mm (2 3/8 inches).

Minimum Color Requirements:

Apples must meet the color for the grade stated, except U.S. No. 1, which must meet Canada Fancy color.

Applicable Marking Requirements for Both Master and Consumer Units:

Consumer: Common name, apple variety, grade designation, diameter size range, net quantity, country of origin, and responsible party name and address. All but responsible party must be in English and French. Nutrition Facts table is optional but if present must be in the Canadian format.

Master: Common name, apple variety, responsible party name & address, and country of origin. May use English or French. When the information is easily and clearly discernible in or on the inner container without opening the outer container, the same information is not required on the outer container.

U.S. Condition Standards for Export (51.321):

The CFIA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations require apples to meet the U.S. Condition Standards for Export. Meeting the U.S. Condition Standards for Export is in addition to meeting the minimum grade requirements.

Condition Defects Applied Against the Grade:

When apples are being certified for export to Canada, all defects (permanent quality and condition) apply against the grade. Therefore, lots of apples being certified with “factors of condition” grade statements would not meet CFIA import requirements.

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Certificate Example 1

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 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION

S - EXAMPLE #1

FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

SUBLOT

INSPECTION STARTED:		M M D D Y Y 0 9 0 7 1 6	Hour Min. 1 1 : 3 0	A/P A M	<small>This certificate is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended and is admissible as prima facie evidence in all courts of the United States. WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.</small>										
INSPECTION COMPLETED:		M M D D Y Y 0 9 0 7 1 6	Hour Min. 1 2 : 3 5	A/P P M											
APPLICANT: DAVE'S FARMS			CITY/STATE: SOMEWHERE, CA		PLI:										
INSPECTION POINT: SAME AS ABOVE			OTHER ID:												
CONVEYANCE NO.:			TYPE:		NOTESHEET NO.:										
PRODUCT/VARIETY	NUMBER AND SIZE OF CONTAINER	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT (Brand, Markings, Size, Quality/Condition, etc.)		GRADE											
APPLES, RED DELICIOUS	500 CARTONS	DAVE'S FARMS, U.S. EXTRA FANCY NET WT. 40 LBS., 72 CT. 75 TO 100% GOOD RED COLOR		FAILS TO GRADE U.S. EXTRA FANCY ACCOUNT GRADE DEFECTS											
<small>ABOVE PRODUCTS MEET REQUIREMENTS OF MARKETING ORDER *VARIETY OF PRODUCT AND NUMBER OF CONTAINERS ARE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AND ARE NOT BEING CERTIFIED BY THE INSPECTOR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</small>															
FOR DATA ENTRY ONLY				REMARKS:											
CORRECTS FV-154 CERTIFICATE NUMBER															
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CWT		ON-SITE HOURS	<i>I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that samples of the herein described product were inspected and the grades as shown by said samples were as herein stated.</i>		FEE \$										
INSPECTED BY		O. T. (hrs)			O. T. \$										
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Certificate Example 2

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FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE


SUBLOT

INSPECTION STARTED: M M D D Y Y 0 7 0 6 1 6		Hour Min. A/P 0 8 : 3 0 A M	This certificate is issued pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended and is admissible as prima facie evidence in all courts of the United States. WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
INSPECTION COMPLETED: M M D D Y Y 0 7 0 6 1 6		Hour Min. A/P 1 0 : 1 5 A M	
APPLICANT: GIL AND GIL GROWERS		CITY/STATE: SOMEWHERE, OR	PLI:
INSPECTION POINT: SAME AS ABOVE		OTHER ID:	
CONVEYANCE NO.:		TYPE:	NOTESHEET NO.:
PRODUCT/VARIETY	NUMBER AND SIZE OF CONTAINER	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT (Brand, Markings, Size, Quality/Condition, etc.)	GRADE
APPLES, RED DELICIOUS	1000 CARTONS	G&G GROWERS, NET WT 40 LBS. U.S. EXTRA FCY, 2-1/2 INCH MIN. DIA. 80 TO 95% GOOD RED COLOR	FAILS TO GRADE U.S. EXTRA FANCY 2-1/2" MIN. DIA. ACCOUNT GRADE DEFECTS:
APPLES, RED DELICIOUS	475 CARTONS	G&G GROWERS, NET WT. 40 LBS. U.S. EXTRA FCY, 80 CT. 85 TO 100% GOOD RED COLOR	U.S. EXTRA FANCY BRUISING BEING A FACTOR OF CONDITION
ABOVE PRODUCTS MEET REQUIREMENTS OF MARKETING ORDER			
*VARIETY OF PRODUCT AND NUMBER OF CONTAINERS ARE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AND ARE NOT BEING CERTIFIED BY THE INSPECTOR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED			
FOR DATA ENTRY ONLY		REMARKS:	
CORRECTS FV-181 CERTIFICATE NUMBER		PRODUCT HAS BEEN IN STORAGE	
21		SINCE OCTOBER 10, 2015.	
CWT	ON-SITE HOURS O.T. (hrs)	I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that samples of the herein described product were inspected and the grades as shown by said samples were as herein stated.	FEE \$
INSPECTED BY	TRAVEL MILES O.T. (hrs)		O.T. \$
	OTHER \$	Inspector's Signature	EXP. \$
		INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE	ESTIMATED TOTAL
		DATE ISSUED	\$\$\$\$

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Certificate Example 3

CARRIER OR LOT IDENTIFICATION PREFIX: P O 3 7 1 4 NUMBER: 3714 STATE:			Loading Loaded - LO <input type="checkbox"/> Ppty Unld - PU <input type="checkbox"/> Unloaded - UL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lot Insp - LI <input type="checkbox"/>		Applicant: STUFFMART, INC Address: SOMEWHERE, OH		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE 	
Carrier / Lot ID Stated by: Additional Lot ID: LOT 229			Shipper: SUPER SHIPPERS, INC. Address: SOMEWHERE, WA		INSPECTION CERTIFICATE EXAMPLE 3		m m d d y y hour min A/P 0 9 1 9 1 6 0 9 0 0 A M	
Refrigeration Unit: <input type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off Doors: <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed			Insp. Site: APPLICANT'S WAREHOUSE					
LOT	TEMPERATURES		Product:	Brand / Markings:	Origin	Lot ID:	Number of Containers:	Insp count
A.	39	to 44	APPLES, RED	"FINEST" U.S. X-FCY 72 COUNT	W A	RED DELICIOUS	600 CARTONS	Y
B.	40	to 43	APPLES, YELLOW	"FINEST" U.S. X-FCY 72 COUNT	W A	GOLDEN DELICIOUS	100 CARTONS	Y
C.	40	to 45	APPLES, GREEN	"FINEST" U.S. X-FCY 80 COUNT	W A	GRANNY SMITH	100 CARTONS	Y
D.		to						
AVERAGE DEFECTS including DAMAGE SER. DAM.			OFFSIZE / DEFECTS			OTHER		
A.	12	%	00	%	00	%	QUALITY - LIMB RUBS (5 TO 18%)	LOT A: SOME HARD, MOSTLY FIRM.
	00	%	00	%	00	%	DECAY	
	12	%	00	%	00	%	CHECKSUM	
B.	00	%	00	%	00	%	QUALITY	LOT B: MOSTLY FIRM, MANY FIRM RIPE
	12	%	04	%	02	%	BRUISING (8 TO 16%)	MOSTLY YELLOWISH GREEN, MANY
	00	%	00	%	00	%	DECAY	LIGHT YELLOW GROUND COLOR.
	12	%	04	%	02	%	CHECKSUM	
C.	03	%	01	%	00	%	QUALITY - SCAB	
	06	%	02	%	00	%	BRUISING (2 TO 10%)	LOT C: MOSTLY FIRM, SOME FIRM
	05	%	05	%	02	%	BITTER PIT (0 TO 12%)	RIPE LIGHT GREEN GROUND
	02	%	00	%	00	%	BROWN SURFACE DISCOLORATION	COLOR.
	01	%	01	%	01	%	DECAY, EARLY STAGES	
	17	%	09	%	03	%	CHECKSUM	
GRADE: LOT A: FAILS TO GRADE U.S. EXTRA FANCY ACCOUNT QUALITY. LOT B: U.S. EXTRA FANCY, BRUISING BEING A FACTOR OF CONDITION. LOT C: U.S. EXTRA FANCY, BRUISING, BITTER PIT, DISCOLORATION, AND DECAY BEING FACTORS OF CONDITION.								
REMARKS:								
WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.						I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that at the request of the applicant and on the date indicated, samples of the herein described product were inspected and the quality and/or condition as shown by said samples were as herein stated		ESTIMATED TOTAL
Inspector's Signature: <i>Inspector's Signature</i>						Market Office: ANYWHERE, OH		\$\$\$\$

FORM FV-303 (10-30) Replaces FV-303 (4-86) and FV-306 (1-00) which are obsolete

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