

TRANSMITTAL OF RULES ADOPTED

FROM: Department of Agriculture  
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER  
LEGISLATIVE BLDG (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)  
Olympia 98501

The enclosed Permanent rules  , being order No. 1262  
Emergency rules   
relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)

Standards for Italian Prunes

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. 3410 <sup>①</sup> filed with the code reviser  
on 3/23/72 <sup>②</sup> were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this  
(date)  
agency at Olympia, Washington on May 5, 1972 and are herewith  
(place) (date)  
filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04  
RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be 6/5/72 <sup>③</sup>

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding that the immediate adoption of  
these rules is necessary for the preservation of the public  
health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the  
requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on  
the proposed action would be contrary to the public interest,  
were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this agency at  
(place) on (date) and are herewith filed in  
(place) (date)  
the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter  
34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter  
42.30 RCW (1971 ex.s. c 250) have been fulfilled.

Dated this fifth day of May 1972.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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Department of Agriculture  
(AGENCY)  
By *Cameron S. Adams*  
Cameron S. Adams  
Acting Director of Agriculture  
Title

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ER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE DATE OF LAST NOTICE)
- ③ UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER OR IS PRESCRIBED  
IN ANOTHER STATUTE, RULES ARE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER FILING:  
RCW 34.04.046. LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK EXCEPT IN SUCH SPECIAL CASES.

Chapter 16-445

Standards for Italian Prunes

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OLYMPIA  
STANDARDS FOR ITALIAN PRUNES  
ORDER NO. 1262  
Effective June 5, 1972  
(Superseding Order No. 698)

NEW

WAC 16-445-001 PROMULGATION. (This promulgation relates to WAC 16-445-005, WAC 16-445-010, WAC 16-445-020, WAC 16-445-030, WAC 16-445-040, WAC 16-445-050, WAC 16-445-060, WAC 16-445-070, and WAC 16-445-080.)

I, Cameron S. Adams, acting director of agriculture of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 15.17 RCW and after due notice and public hearing held in Yakima, Washington on April 26, 1972, pursuant to Chapters 42.32 and 34.04 RCW do hereby establish the following standards for Italian prunes.

AMD

WAC 16-445-040 WASHINGTON NO. 1 GRADE AND TOLERANCES.

(1) Defined. Washington No. 1 grade shall consist of prunes of one variety which are well formed (1), mature (2) but not over-ripe, soft or shriveled, and which are free from decay and sun-scald (3), and from damage (4) caused by broken skins (4a), heat injury (4b), growth cracks (4c), sunburn (4d), split pits (4e), hail marks (4f), drought spots (4g), russeting (4h), scars (4i), dirt or other foreign material, disease, insects or mechanical or other means. Italian type prunes shall have two-thirds of the surface with purplish color characteristic of the particular area where grown, and unless otherwise specified, the minimum size of such prunes shall be not less than 1-1/4 inches in diameter (7).

(2) Tolerances. In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than a total of 10 percent, by count, of the prunes in any container may not meet the requirements of this grade for defects other than color and size, but not more than 5 percent by count, may be allowed for defects causing serious damage and not more than 1 percent may be allowed for decay. In addition, not more than 10 percent, by count, in any container may not meet the color requirements and not more than 10 percent, by count, may not meet the size specifications, but the combined tolerance for all defects shall not exceed 15 percent.

AMD

WAC 16-445-050 CULLS. Culls shall consist of prunes which are immature, or seriously damaged by growth cracks, hail, insect pests, mechanical or other means.

AMD

WAC 16-445-060 APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES. The contents of individual containers in the lot, based on sample inspection, are subject to the following limitations, provided the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified:

(1) When a tolerance is 10 percent or more, individual containers in any lot shall have not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified, except that at least one defective and one undersized fruit may be permitted in a container.

(2) When a tolerance is less than 10 percent, individual containers in any lot shall have not more than double the tolerance specified, except that at least one defective and one undersized fruit may be permitted in a container.

AMD

WAC 16-445-070 STANDARD PACK. (1) The prunes shall be of fairly uniform size (10) and tightly packed according to the approved and recognized methods. The fruits in the top layer shall not be noticeably superior in quality or size to those in the remainder of the package.

(2) The size of prunes packed in 4-basket crates shall be indicated as follows: 4x4, 4x5, 5x5, etc., in accordance with the arrangement in the top layer of the basket. These packs shall not be more than 3 layers deep. Arrangements such as 4-3x5 and 5-4x5 shall not be considered standard packs.

(3) The arrangement of the bottom layer shall be one row less one way, and may be one row less each way than the arrangement of the top layer. The arrangement of the middle layer may be the same as the top layer, or may be one row less one way than the arrangement of the top layer. Straight, offset, and diagonal packs in the layers are permitted. For example: A pack with 5x5 in the top layer may have 5x5 in the middle layer, and shall have 4x5 or 4-3x5 in the bottom layer; or it may have 4x5 or 4-3x5 in the middle layer, and shall have 4x5, 4-3x5, or 4x4 in the bottom layer.

(4) In layer-packed California peach or lug boxes, the count in the entire container shall be marked on the package.

(5) In double-faced and filled special lugs the number of rows, lengthwise of the lugs, shall be marked on the package to indicate size, as "nine row".

(6) In order to allow for variations incident to proper packing, not more than 10 percent, by count, of the containers in any lot may fail to meet the requirements of the standard pack.

AMD

WAC 16-445-080 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS. As used in these standards:

(1) "Well-formed" means that the fruit has the shape characteristic of the variety. Doubles shall not be considered well-formed.

(2) "Mature" means that the fruit has reached the stage of maturity which will insure a proper completion of the ripening process.

(3) "Sunscald" means injury caused by the sun in which softening or collapse of the flesh is apparent.

(4) "Damage" means any injury or defect which materially affects the appearance, or edible or shipping quality of the fruit. Internal growth cracks, cavities or gum spots are not considered damage. Any one of the following defects, or any combination of defects, the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as damage:

(a) Broken skins which are unhealed; except those caused by pulled stems where the skin is not torn beyond the stem basin. (Healed skin breaks shall be handled as scars.)

(b) Heat injury which is extensive or not light in color.

(c) External growth cracks, when there are more than one on a fruit, or when any growth crack is deep, not well healed, or more than one-fourth inch in length.

(d) Sunburn which has materially changed the normal color of the fruit, or has caused the skin to blister or crack.

(e) Split pit which causes a readily apparent crack at the stem end, or which affects the shape to the extent that the fruit is not well-formed.

(f) Hail marks, or other similar depressions or scars, which are not shallow or superficial, or which aggregate more

than three-eighths inch in diameter, or when the skin has been broken.

(g) Drought spots or external gum spots which are more than one-fourth of an inch in diameter.

(h) Russeting which is not excessively rough, when aggregating more than 10 percent of the fruit surface; or excessively rough russeting when aggregating more than one-fourth inch in diameter.

(i) Scars:

Dark, rough or depressed scars which aggregate more than one-fourth inch in diameter.

Fairly smooth, superficial scars, including fairly light discoloration such as is caused by handling or packing or by prunes rubbing against each other while on the tree, which aggregate more than one-half inch in diameter.

Thorn and limb scratches which are not well healed, or which aggregate more than one-half inch in length.

(5) "Well colored" as applied to Italian type prunes, means that 95 percent of the surface of the prune is purple color, excepting that portion which is permitted to be affected by russeting.

(6) "Fairly well colored" as applied to Italian type prunes, means that at least three-fourths of the surface of the prune is purple color.

(7) "Diameter" means the greatest distance measured through the center of the fruit, at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end.

(8) "Badly misshapen" means that the fruit is so malformed or rough that its appearance is seriously damaged. Doubles shall be considered badly misshapen, except that doubles of Italian type prunes which have approximately equal sized halves shall not be considered badly misshapen.

(9) "Serious damage" means any injury or defect which seriously affects the appearance, edible or shipping quality of the fruit. Any one of the following defects, or any combination of defects, the seriousness of which exceeds the maximum allowed for any one defect, shall be considered as serious damage:

(a) Broken skins which are unhealed and more than one-eighth inch in diameter or depth, except those caused by pulled stems where the skin is not torn beyond the stem basin. (Healed skin breaks shall be handled as scars.)

(b) Heat injury which causes any softening or dark discoloration of the flesh. Heat injury may cause internal or external discoloration, and may or may not be serious. It should not be confused with sunscald which causes softening or collapse of the tissue, and which is always classed as serious damage.

(c) External growth cracks which are not well healed, or which are more than 3/16 inch in depth, or more than one-half inch in length.

(d) Sunburn which causes decided flattening of the fruit, or causes blistering, cracking, or noticeable brownish discoloration of the skin.

(e) Split pit which causes a crack at the stem end more than 3/16 inch in length, including any part which may be covered by the stem; or which affects the shape to the extent that the fruit is badly misshapen.

(f) Hail marks which are more than 3/16 inch in depth, or which aggregate more than one-half inch in diameter.

(g) Drought spots or external gum spots which aggregate more than one-half inch in diameter.

(h) Russeting which is not excessively rough, when aggregating more than one-third of the fruit surface; or excessively rough russeting when aggregating more than one-half inch in

diameter.

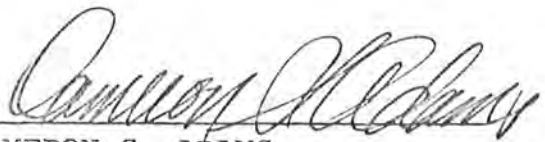
(i) Scars which are very dark or excessively rough and aggregate more than one-half inch in diameter; or which are more than 3/16 inch in depth.

(10) "Fairly uniform size" means that the fruits in each packed container shall not show a variation of more than one-fourth of an inch in diameter (6).

NEW            WAC 16-445-090 EFFECTIVE DATE. This order shall take effect on and after June 5, 1972.

REP            WAC 16-445-005, WAC 16-445-010, WAC 16-445-020 and WAC 16-445-030 are hereby repealed and chapter title changed to read Standards for Italian Prunes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the regulations promulgated.

  
CAMERON S. ADAMS  
Acting Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: May 5, 1972