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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Division of Horticulture  
Olympia

Order No. 632

REVISION OF WASHINGTON STANDARDS FOR BARTLETT AND OTHER SUMMER AND FALL PEARS

After being petitioned by a substantial majority of the growers of Bartlett and other summer and fall pears, I, Sverre N. Omdahl, Director of Agriculture, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 150 of the Session Laws of 1943 (Section 2855, R.R.S.), held hearings in Yakima and Wenatchee, Washington, and it was voted to discontinue the Unclassified Grade and establish a "C" Grade which will read as follows:

"C Grade shall consist of pears of one variety which are mature (1), hand picked, clean, sound and free from hard-end, broken skin (2), and free from serious damage (3) caused by insects, disease, hail marks, limb rubs, heavy russett, or other means, and shall not be so excessively elongated or flattened as to preclude the cutting of one good half."

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

1. "Mature" - Second bloom pears less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter which are rough or ridged shall be considered immature.
2. Punctures or broken skin exceeding  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter.
3. "Free from Serious Damage" means defects which taken singly or collectively shall not seriously affect the edible or culinary value of the fruit. The following conditions shall not be considered serious damage: Healed insect depressions or other surface blemishes which do not prevent the cutting of one good half.

Hard-end is defined as those pears which show an abnormally yellow or green color at the blossom end or an abnormally smooth rounded base with little or no depression at the calyx, or if the flesh near the calyx is abnormally dry and tough or woody.

Pears affected by hard-end shall be considered defects of all grades.

This Order shall become effective August 9, 1952.

Signed at Olympia, Washington  
August 6, 1952

*Sverre N. Omdahl*  
Director of Agriculture