

**WAC 16-414-107 Washington state grades for sulphured cherries.**

(1) Washington No. 1 grade sulphured whole cherries are cherries of similar varietal characteristics that are:

- (a) Properly matured;
- (b) Clean;
- (c) Firm;
- (d) Well formed;
- (e) Well bleached; and

(f) Free from damage caused by mechanical injury, surface discoloration, rain cracks, blemishes, or other means.

(2) Washington No. 1 grade sulphured halved cherries are portions of sliced cherries of similar varietal characteristics where no particle is smaller than an estimated one-third or larger than an estimated two-thirds of a whole cherry and are:

- (a) Properly matured;
- (b) Clean;
- (c) Firm;
- (d) Well formed;
- (e) Well bleached; and

(f) Free from damage caused by mechanical injury, surface discoloration, rain cracks, blemishes, or other means.

(3) Washington No. 2 grade sulphured whole cherries are cherries of similar varietal characteristics that are:

- (a) Properly matured;
- (b) Clean;
- (c) Fairly firm;
- (d) Well formed;
- (e) Fairly well bleached; and

(f) Free from serious damage caused by mechanical injury, surface discoloration, rain cracks, blemishes, or other means.

(4) Washington No. 2 grade sulphured halved cherries are portions of sliced cherries of similar varietal characteristics that are:

- (a) Properly matured;
- (b) Fairly firm;
- (c) Well formed;
- (d) Fairly well bleached; and

(e) Free from serious damage caused by mechanical injury, surface discoloration, rain cracks, blemishes, or other means.

(5) Washington combination grade sulphured cherries are a combination of Washington No. 1 and Washington No. 2 cherries of any style that are, unless otherwise specified, packed in a lot that averages at least fifty percent Washington No. 1 quality cherries.

(6) Washington No. 3 grade sulphured cherries are cherries that fail to meet the requirements of the above grades and are practically free of stems, leaves, fruit spurs, bark, dirt, or foreign material.

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