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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 52

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–21–0091, SC–22–326]

United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. AMS is proposing to modify two references to the allowances for capstems within the standards to modernize the standards to reflect current industry practices. The proposal also includes minor editorial changes to table headings to align with updated Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) formatting requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments to the Standardization Branch, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Training and Development Center; 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101; Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406; fax: (540) 361–1199, or via the internet at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should reference the date and page numbers of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this proposed rule will become a part of the public record and be made available to the public including any personal information provided at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian E. Griffin at the address above, or at phone (202) 748–2155; fax (540) 361–1199; or email Brian.Griffin@usda.gov. Copies of the proposed U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins are

available on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Copies of the current U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins are available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/fruits>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed action, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, would amend regulations at 7 CFR part 52 issued under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended. These revisions to the U.S. grade standards would also be reflected in enforcement of the grade requirements under the Federal marketing order, 7 CFR part 989, issued under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 601–674) which regulates the handling of raisins produced from grapes grown in California, and 7 CFR part 999, which regulates the importation of raisins into the United States.

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this proposed rule in conformance with Executive Orders 12866 and 13563. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. This proposed action falls within a category of regulatory actions that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted from review under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13175

This proposed rule has been reviewed under E.O. 13175—Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, which requires agencies to consider whether their rulemaking actions would have tribal implications.

AMS has determined that this proposed rule is unlikely to have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of

power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed action is not intended to have retroactive effect. There are no administrative procedures that must be exhausted prior to any judicial challenge to the provisions of this rule.

Background

AMS continually reviews all fruit and vegetable grade standards to ensure their usefulness to the industry, and to modernize language and remove duplicative terminology. Changes to the headings for all tables within the U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins are required to reflect current CFR formatting requirements. Conforming changes to cross references to those tables within the standards are also proposed.

On October 13, 2017, AMS received a petition from the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC), which locally administers the Federal marketing order regulating the handling of raisins produced from grapes grown in California (7 CFR part 989). The petition requested that AMS reduce the number of allowable capstems for all varieties, except Zante Currants, in all three Grades (A, B, and C) as follows: for Type I, Seedless Raisins and Type II, Golden Seedless Raisins the allowances for capstems would change in Grade A, from 15 to 10, in Grade B from 25 to 15, and in Grade C from 35 to 20. For Sultana Raisins the allowances for capstems would change in Grade A from 25 to 10, in Grade B from 45 to 15, and in Grade C from 65 to 20. The RAC further stated that, since 1978, the industry has adopted major improvements, including laser sorters, x-rays, and super vacuums, which allow the industry to clean and sort with far superior results that ultimately exceed the current U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins.

Prior to developing proposed revisions to these grade standards, AMS solicited comments and suggestions from the RAC in the form of a discussion draft of the revised standards. On December 20, 2017, the RAC provided a positive response to the discussion draft.

Defects					U.S. Grade A	U.S. Grade B	U.S. Grade C
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Maximum count (per 16 ounces)							

TABLE 1 TO § 52.1846—ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS IN TYPE I, SEEDLESS RAISINS AND TYPE II, GOLDEN SEEDLESS RAISINS—Continued

Defects	U.S. Grade A	U.S. Grade B	U.S. Grade C
Capstems	10	15	20
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§ 52.1849 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend § 52.1849 by removing the words “Table I” and adding in their place the words “Table 1 to § 52.1846”.

§ 52.1852 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 52.1852 by:

- a. Removing, in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the words “Table II of this subpart” and adding in their places the words “Table 1 to this section”; and
- b. Revising the heading of the table following paragraph (d) to read “Table 1 to § 52.1852—Allowances for Defects

in Raisins with Seeds—Except Layer or Cluster”.

§ 52.1853 [Amended]

■ 5. Amend § 52.1853 by:

- a. Removing, in paragraphs (a) and (b), the words “Table III of this subpart” and adding in their place the words “Table 1 to this section”; and
 - b. Revising the heading of the table following paragraph (c) to read “Table 1 to § 52.1853—Allowances for Defects in Layer or Cluster Raisins with Seeds”.
- 6. Amend § 52.1855 by:

■ a. Removing, in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the words “Table IV of this subpart” and adding in their places the words “Table 1 to this section”; and

■ b. Revising, in the table following paragraph (b), the heading and the entry for capstems.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 52.1855 Grades of Sultana raisins.

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TABLE 1 TO § 52.1855—ALLOWANCES FOR DEFECTS IN SULTANA RAISINS

Defects	U.S. Grade A	U.S. Grade B	U.S. Grade C
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Capstems	Maximum count (per 16 ounces) 10	15	20
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§ 52.1857 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend § 52.1857 by:

- a. Removing in paragraphs (a) and (b) the words “Table V of this subpart” and adding in their places the words “Table 1 to this section”; and
- b. Revising the heading of the table following paragraph (a) to read “Table 1 to § 52.1857—Allowances for Defects in Zante Currant Raisins”.

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ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus SAS Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 series airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports where the passenger door external handle mechanism was not retrieving its normal, flush position when the door was being closed. This proposed AD would require a one-time cleaning and lubrication of the external door handle mechanism of each affected door, and would limit the installation of affected parts, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by April 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

• *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

• *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-0427; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

• For EASA material that is proposed for IBR in this NPRM, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; website easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-0427.

• You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0427; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01370-T]

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Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.