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SUBJECT: Instructions for Scoring Headspace Discoloration in U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Dried Beans, Canned Pork and Beans, and Canned Baked Beans.

TO: All Personnel Who Retain the U.S. Standards for Grades of Dried Beans, Canned Pork and Beans, and Canned Baked Beans

FILE UNDER: Commodity File Folder for U.S. Standards for Grades of Dried Beans, Canned Pork and Beans, and Canned Baked Beans

This memorandum establishes percent by net weight tolerances for grading headspace discoloration which affects appearance and edibility in canned beans. The United States Standards for Grades of Dried Beans, Canned Pork and Beans, and Canned Baked Beans do not classify headspace discoloration as scoreable under defects. When grading these items, score headspace discoloration under defects. Under the classification of defects, allow no more than 2% discoloration by net weight for Grade "A" and no more than 4% discoloration by net weight for Grade "B".

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