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# **United States Standards for Grades of Parsley**

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## **Grade**

51.4001 U. S. No.1.

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## **General**

### **§51.4000 General.**

These standards do not apply to parsley tops marketed with a part of the entire root attached.

## **Grade**

### **§51.4001 U.S. No. 1.**

"U.S. No. 1" consists of parsley of similar varietal characteristics and of good green color; which is free from decay, and from damage caused by seedstems, yellow or discolored leaves, wilting, freezing, dirt, or other foreign material, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means.

(a) **Tolerances.** In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 5 percent, by weight, of the parsley in any lot may be below the requirements of this grade, including therein not more than one-half of 1 percent for parsley which is affected by decay.

## **Unclassified**

### **§51.4002 Unclassified.**

"Unclassified" consists of parsley which has not been classified in accordance with the foregoing grade. The term "unclassified" is not a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

## **Definitions**

### **§51.4003 Similar varietal characteristics.**

"Similar varietal characteristics" means that the parsley is all of the same general type. For example, the curly leaf type shall not be mixed with the flat leaf type.

### **§51.4004 Damage.**

"Damage" means any defect, or any combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the parsley.

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<sup>1</sup>Packing of the product in conformity with the requirements of these standards shall not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or with applicable State laws and regulations.