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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–25–0056]

Revising U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising the U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms to add a grade for portabella mushrooms, remove size from the criteria for each grade and create a separate section for size, and revise the tolerances for defects consistent with modern production and handling practices. In addition, AMS is updating terminology, definitions, and defect scoring guides throughout the grade standards. These changes align the grade standards with modern harvesting practices and provide guidance for the effective utilization of this commodity.

DATES: Applicable September 24, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Buss, by phone at (231) 260–5913; fax at (540) 361–1199; or email at andrew.buss@usda.gov. Copies of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms are available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/mushrooms-grades-and-standards>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “[t]o develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.”

AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the

marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards upon request. The U.S. Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables which no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are maintained by AMS at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards>. AMS is revising the U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms (the Standards) using the procedures that appear in part 36 of title 7 of the CFR (7 CFR part 36).

Background

On April 2, 2020, the American Mushroom Institute (AMI), a trade association representing growers, retailers, and shippers from the United States, petitioned AMS to revise the Standards. From 2020 to 2024, AMS worked closely with AMI to provide guidance and discuss the proposal, including relevant revisions. In its petition, AMI stated that USDA standards for mushrooms do not conform to current industry practices, and no standards for “Portabella” mushroom varieties exist. AMI also requested new definitions to cover defects that are not currently defined in the Standards. AMS reviewed and incorporated recommendations from AMI’s petition and subsequent feedback into this revision, which reflects a collaborative effort between AMS and industry. The updates to the Standards, identified below, affect definitions, grades, size, and defects of mushrooms. On April 10, 2026, AMS published in the *Federal Register* (91 FR 18390; Docket No. AMS–SC–25–0056) a Notice and request for comments (Notice) on proposed revisions to the Standards. AMS also made publicly available AMI’s petition for proposed changes to the Standards and a discussion draft of the Standards implementing such proposed changes.

Through this action, AMS is implementing the following revisions to the Standards to align with modern production, handling and harvesting practices, and to provide guidance for the effective utilization of this commodity:

- Add a new “General” section (51.3385) to describe the types of mushrooms covered by the Standards: the *Agaricus bisporus* species of cultivated white button, brown button (commonly called crimini or cremini (alternative spelling), baby, and baby

bella), and portabella (including portobello (alternative spelling), ports, and giant crimini) mushrooms.

- Redesignate existing sections 51.3385 through 51.3398 as sections 51.3386 through 51.3399.

- Add a new grade section (51.3388) “U.S. No. 1 Portabella” and its associated tolerances in section 51.3389(a)(3).

- Remove tolerance and size specifications from the criteria for each grade and create new separate sections (51.3389 and 51.3391, respectively) for those specifications.

- Revise the definition of “Open veils” (now section 51.3392(f)) to allow for a small degree of exposed gills before open veils are considered damage (materially detracting) in mushrooms other than portabella mushrooms, while also recognizing that open veils are a characteristic of and are not considered damage in portabella type mushrooms.

- Add a separate tolerance for open veils “at shipping point” for U.S. No. 1 grade button mushrooms (section 51.3389(a)(1)(i)).

- Revise the defect tolerances for “at shipping point” and “en route or at destination” for both U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades (section 51.3389(a)(1)–(2)).

- Reorganize and update the definition section to reflect current industry practices and terminology, and revise “Damage” to now include the following specific defects that are considered as damage: “Bruising,” “Cuts or mechanical defects,” “Discoloration,” “Extraneous material,” “Feathering,” “Open veils,” and “Spots” (now sections 51.3392(a)–(g)). The existing defect at current 51.3395(b) (“Dirt when any amount is embedded in the cap or stem”) is now included under “Extraneous Material” at new 51.3392(d).

- Revise “Application of Tolerances” section (now 51.3390(a)–(c)) to establish different package tolerance limits based on the size of the packaging. The “Application of Tolerances” section of the Standards identifies the maximum limit of defects and off-size mushrooms that are allowed in an individual package of mushrooms.

- Add language to the newly designated grades provisions for “U.S. No. 1” (section 51.3386), “U.S. No. 1 Portabella” (section 51.3388) and definition of “Similar varietal

characteristics” (section 51.3398) to permit mixed specialty packs of white and brown mushrooms. When lots are not intentionally packed as mixed/ specialty packs, a dissimilar colored mushroom is considered a defect. This revision recognizes mixed color specialty packs and better reflects current marketing trends.

Comments

AMS provided a 60-day comment period for interested parties to submit comments on the proposed grade standards. In response to its request, AMS received and considered 9 comments. All comments were posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. All 9 commentors expressed their support for the proposed revisions to the U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms.

AMS is moving forward with the revisions to the U.S. Standards for Grades of Mushrooms as proposed by the American Mushroom Institute, as these updates will provide the clarity and consistency industry seeks by better aligning with modern mushroom production practices and current marketing trends.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Directive Allocation Orders Under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System in Response to Presidential Determination on Recoverable Critical Minerals and Materials

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public

comment on the OMB approved emergency collection for the Temporary Final Rule “*DPAS Directive Allocation Order and Additional Requirements for Recoverable Critical Minerals and Materials*” (August 6, 2026, 91 FR 50701).

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments by email to Nancy Kook, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, at PRA@bis.doc.gov or to PRAcomments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0694–0148 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Nancy Kook, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, phone 202–482–2440 or by email at PRA@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Bureau of Industry and Security’s Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security administers the Defense Priorities and Allocations System regulation which implements the priorities and allocations authority under Title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4501, *et seq.*), delegated to the Secretary of Commerce (the Secretary) under Executive Order (E.O.) 13603 with respect to all materials, services, and facilities, including construction materials (“industrial resources”), not delegated to other Secretaries. On July 30, 2026, the President issued a Presidential Determination, “Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 101 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as Amended, on Recoverable Critical Minerals and Materials” (Presidential Determination No. 2026–19). Under Presidential Determination No. 2026–19, the President found that recoverable Critical Minerals and Materials (CMMs) are scarce and critical materials essential to the national defense and authorized the Secretary to take all appropriate action under section 101 of the DPA with respect to recoverable CMMs and to use this authority to determine the proper nationwide priorities and allocations of all materials, services, and facilities necessary to ensure a continued and adequate supply of recoverable CMMs.

Directive Allocation Orders issued under the DPAS regulation will collect certain critical information from companies as specified in rules issued to effectuate Presidential Determination No. 2026–19 and ensure compliance with the DPAS regulation and the Directive Allocation Orders issued, as described in section 700.91 of the DPAS regulation. The details of the Directive Allocation Orders issued, including the records required to be submitted in accordance with section 700.91 of the DPAS regulation, were published in the August 6, 2026 Temporary Final Rule.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694–0148.

Type of Information Collection:

Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Average Responses per Year: 1.

Average Number of Responses: 600.

Estimated Time per Response: 5.21 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 3,126 hours.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Presidential

Determination No. 2026–19; Title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (DPA).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your