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**FOOD QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS -
FOOD PURCHASED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS**

Frozen Fruit

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The following specifications are used by federal government departments purchasing the items listed below for their departmental food requirements

FQS-12 – Frozen Fruit

Any items listed in all Food Quality Specification that are **bolded and in brown** are part of the current National Standard Cycle Menu (NSCM) Standing Offer. Other items that are not on the NSCM but are on the Standing Offer may not be listed in **brown**.

[Applicable Regulations and Resources for Frozen Fruit](#)

Description

1. As per the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#) the product shall be obtained by freezing properly prepared fresh fruit; packed without the addition of a sweetening agent, or with a sweetening agent consisting of sugar, invert sugar, dextrose or glucose in dry or liquid form or any combination thereof added directly to the product or added as a syrup in combination with water, fruit juice, fruit juices, fruit juice from concentrate or fruit juices from concentrate; and may contain, in the case of a particular fruit, any other substance the addition of which to that fruit is authorized by these regulations.
2. Frozen fruit supplied must be in compliance with:
 - a. the [Food and Drugs Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27\)](#) and the [Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\)](#); and
 - b. comply with food packaging and labelling requirements specified by the [Food and Drugs Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27\)](#), [Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\)](#), the [Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. C-38\)](#), and the [Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 417\)](#).
3. Frozen fruit supplied shall:
 - a. meet the specifications as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#);
 - b. meet the specifications of the product as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#), [Schedule I, Table II: Grades for Frozen Fruits and Vegetables](#) and [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#), [Schedule II, Standards of Identity for Specified Fruit and Vegetable Products, paragraph 12](#) and, where applicable, the grade indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin) unless otherwise specified; or
 - c. where no Canadian Grade has been established the frozen fruit shall meet the equivalent specifications of the product and the U.S. Grade indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin) as outlined in [USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#), unless otherwise specified;
 - d. be in the packing medium specified (e.g. water, fruit juice, fruit juice from concentrate etc.); and
 - e. be consistent with characteristics specified (e.g. without salt, unsweetened, chopped, diced, sliced, whole, cooked, added Vitamin C, etc.).

FQS-12-01-01-Table 1: Frozen Fruit

Frozen Fruit Variety	Grade to be supplied
Apples (Sliced)	Canada A
Apricots (Sliced)	Canada A
Blueberries	Canada A
Cherries (Red Sour Pitted)	Canada A
Cherries (Sweet)	Canada A
Cranberries	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Cranberries</u>
Fruit Cocktail	Canada A
Fruits for Salad	As for frozen Fruit Cocktail
Fruit Salad	As for frozen Fruit Cocktail
Grapefruit	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Grapefruit</u>
Melon Balls	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Melon</u>
Peaches (Halved, Sliced, Diced, or quartered)	Canada A
Pineapple	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Pineapple</u>
Plums	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Plums</u>
Raspberries	<u>U.S. Grade A or U.S. Fancy - USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Raspberries</u>
Rhubarb (cut)	Canada A
Strawberries, Whole	Canada A
Strawberries, Sliced	Canada A

4. Frozen fruit supplied outside of Canada must:
- a. meet all the requirements of the [Food and Drugs Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27\)](#) and the [Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\)](#);
 - b. have originated in a country that has grade requirements and a system substantially equivalent to those prescribed by the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule I, Table II: Grades for Frozen Fruits and Vegetables](#); and
 - c. meet the equivalent specifications of the product as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule I, Table II: Grades for Frozen Fruits and Vegetables](#) and, where appropriate, the grade indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin); or
 - d. meet all the requirements for the equivalent specifications of U.S. Standards, Grades indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin) as outlined in the [USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#), unless otherwise specified; and/or
 - e. meet all the requirements of applicable [Codex Alimentarius - International Food Standards, List of Standards](#) for Frozen Fruit;
 - f. meet all the requirements of applicable local food legislation whenever those requirements are stricter. All frozen fruit shall be obtained by sources approved by the applicable local and international laws, regulations, procedures and requirements;
 - g. be in the packing medium specified (e.g. water, fruit juice, fruit juice from concentrate, etc.); and

- h. be consistent with characteristics specified (e.g. without salt, unsweetened, chopped, diced, sliced, whole, cooked, added Vitamin C, etc.).

Size and Packaging

5. Containers for frozen fruit products for which grades are established shall be of the size specified according to the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule III, Table II: Containers for Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Products \(for which grades are established\)](#)

Applicable Regulations and Resources for Frozen Fruit

[Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\)](#)

[Food and Drugs Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27\)](#)

[Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#)

[Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule I, Table II: Grades for Frozen Fruits and Vegetables](#)

[Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule II, Standards of Identity for Specified Fruit and Vegetable Products, paragraph 12](#)

[Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\), Schedule III, Table II: Containers for Frozen Fruit and Vegetable Products \(for which grades are established\)](#)

[Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. C-38\)](#)

[Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 417\)](#)

[Codex Alimentarius - General Principles of Food Hygiene](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Cranberries](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Grapefruit](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Melon](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Pineapple](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Plums](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Frozen Raspberries](#)

[Codex Alimentarius - International Food Standards, List of Standards](#)