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

Canned Fruits

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

FQS-14 – Canned Fruits

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 Canned Fruits](#)

Description

1. Canned Fruits are products prepared by heat processing properly prepared fresh fruit, with or without sugar, invert sugar, honey, dextrose or glucose, in dry or liquid form according to the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#). The [Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\)](#) administers the Act and Regulations that govern much of the activity of the fruit canning, pickling and drying industry, including the interprovincial and international shipment of many of the industry's products (as well as most of its agricultural inputs). The industry is regulated by the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#), under the [Canada Agricultural Products Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. 20 \(4th Supp.\)\)](#).
2. Canned 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. Canned Fruit supplied shall:
 - a. meet the specifications as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#);
 - b. meet the specification of the product as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#), [USDA Grades and Standards for Vegetables](#), [USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#) and, where appropriate, the grade indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified canned fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin) unless otherwise specified; or
 - c. where no Canadian Grade has been established the canned fruit shall meet the equivalent specifications of the U.S. Grade 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;
 - 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-14-01 - Table 1: Canned Fruit Variety

Canned Fruit Variety	Grade to be supplied
Apples Sliced	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Apple Sauce, no sugar added	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Apricots (whole or halved)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Cherries (Red, sour, pitted)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Cherries (Sweet)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Cherries (Maraschino, Crème de Menthe or Cocktail)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Cranberry Sauce	U.S. Grade A [USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Cranberry Sauce] or U.S. Fancy
Fruit Cocktail	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Fruit Salad	As for Fruit Cocktail [USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Fruit Cocktail]
Grapefruit	U.S. Grade A [USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Grapefruit] or U.S. Fancy
Grapefruit and Orange for Salad	U.S. Grade A [USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Grapefruit and Orange for Salads]
Peaches (Whole, halved , sliced, diced or quartered)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Pears (Whole, halved, sliced, diced or quartered)	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]
Pineapple (Whole, slices, spears, tidbits , chunks and spears)	U.S. Grade A [USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Pineapple]
Plums, Prune Plums	Canada Fancy [Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870) , [B11.101 [S] Fruits]]

4. Unless otherwise specified, canned fruit will be supplied packed in water, its own juices, or a light syrup. Fruit packed in light syrup must contain less than 20% sugar by weight or be in accordance with the [Codex Alimentarius - Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits \[CAC/GL 51-2003\]](#).
5. Canned Fruit supplied outside of Canada must:
- meet all the requirements of the [Food and Drugs Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27\)](#) and the [Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\)](#);
 - have originated in a country that has grade requirements and a system substantially equivalent to those prescribed by the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#); and
 - meet the equivalent specifications of the product as outlined in the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#), [USDA Grades and Standards for Vegetables](#), [USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#) and, where appropriate, the grade indicated in [Table 1](#), for the specified canned fruit (or the equivalent grade of the country of origin) unless otherwise specified; or
 - where no Canadian Grade has been established the canned 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 the [USDA Grades and Standards for Vegetables](#) and [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 Canned Fruit.
- f. meet all the requirements of applicable local food legislation whenever those requirements are stricter. All canned 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 specifies (e.g. without salt, unsweetened, chopped, diced, sliced, whole, cooked, added Vitamin C, etc.).

Size and Packaging

- 6. Containers for canned fruit products for which grades are established shall be of the size specified according to the [Processed Products Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 291\)](#).

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

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

[Food and Drug Regulations \(C.R.C., c. 870\), \[B11.101 \[S\] Fruits\]](#)

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

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

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

[Canada Agricultural Products Act \(R.S.C., 1985, c. 20 \(4th Supp.\)\)](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Vegetables](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Fruits](#)

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

[USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Cranberry Sauce](#)

[USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Grapefruit and Orange for Salads](#)

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

[USDA Grades and Standards for Canned Fruit Cocktail](#)

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

[Codex Alimentarius - Guidelines for Packing Media for Canned Fruits \[CAC/GL 51-2003\]](#)

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