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**Development of new standards**
**Raw and roasted inshell peanuts, proposal by the delegation  
of the United States of America**
**Submitted by the delegation of the United States of America**

The following proposal was submitted for consideration by the Specialized Section.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2021/2 Decision 2021-07-02 and Decision 2021-07-07, ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2021/2 paragraph 66, and A/76/6 (Sect.20).

*Proposal:* The delegation of United States of America would like to add “Cracked and broken” inshell peanuts to the table of tolerances in section IV. Provisions concerning tolerances of the Recommendation for Inshell peanuts.

**IV. Provisions concerning tolerances**

At all marketing stages, tolerances in respect of quality and size shall be allowed in each lot for produce not satisfying the minimum requirements of the class indicated.

*Tolerances allowed, percentage of defective  
produce, by number or weight (with regard to the  
total inshell weight basis)*

<i>Defects allowed</i>	<i>Extra</i>	<i>Class I</i>	<i>Class II</i>	
(a) Tolerances for produce not satisfying the minimum requirements	10	14	18	
of which no more than:				
Not sufficiently developed or empty shells	7	10	12	

	Mouldy, rancid or damaged by pests, rotten or deteriorated	2	3	3.5	
	of which mouldy				
	in raw peanuts	0.5	1	2	
	in roasted peanuts	0.1	0.1	0.25	
	Living pests	0	0	0	
(b)	Size tolerances (if sized)				
	For produce not conforming to the size indicated, in total – depending on the characteristics of the product	15	15	15	
(c)	Tolerances for other defects				
	Extraneous matter such as loose shells, shell fragments, fragments of hull, seed coat, leaves, dust (by weight)				
	- raw inshell peanuts	3	3	3	
	- roasted inshell peanuts *	5	5	5	
	Foreign matter such as stones, metal, and glass (by weight)	0.5	1	1	
	<u>Cracked and broken</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	
	Inshell peanuts belonging to varieties or commercial types other than that indicated – depending on the characteristics of the product	5	5	5	

\* The shells of roasted inshell peanuts are more brittle and prone to breaking.

*Reason:* The peanut industry highlighted that the provisions concerning tolerances did not include tolerances for “cracked and broken”, two of the most common defects in inshell peanuts.