

The requirement for these types of peas to have an obvious green color has caused undue economic stress on the industry. Frozen field pea and black-eye pea processors must purchase imported, hand-harvested peas and blend them with domestic crops to meet the "Grade A" color requirement. AFFI estimates that 10 million pounds of imported peas must be purchased by U.S. processors per year at an approximate annual cost of more than \$2 million.

Based on all the information received, USDA is amending Section 52.1669 in the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Field Peas and Frozen Black-Eye Peas by removing the color attributes requirements for frozen black-eye peas and frozen cream peas from the text and Table III of this section.

No additional costs are expected to result from this action for producers and benefits derived from this action may be passed on to consumers.

This change is expected to facilitate marketing of frozen field peas and frozen black-eye peas.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, it is found and determined upon good cause that it is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest to give preliminary notice prior to putting this rule into effect and that good cause exists for not postponing the effective date of this rule upon publication in the Federal Register because, the harvesting season for field peas and black-eye peas has already begun, the standards are voluntary, and this revision of the standards that permits the industry to more efficiently meet market needs, also reduces costs to the consumers. This rule also provides a 30-day comment period. The Department will consider all comments received within the comment period prior to finalizing this rule.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 52

Food grades and standards, Food labeling, Frozen foods, Fruit juices, Fruits, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Vegetables.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to amend 7 CFR part 52 to read as follows:

## PART 52—PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, PROCESSED PRODUCTS THEREOF, AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS<sup>1</sup>

### Subpart—United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Black-eye Peas and Frozen Field Peas

1. The authority citation for Part 52 is revised to read as follows:  
Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622–1624.

2. In § 52.1669, paragraphs (a), (b), and Table III in paragraph (c) are revised to read as follows:

#### § 52.1669 Classification of color and grade compliance.

(a) *General.* The requirement for "color attributes" is applicable for Grade A classification only. "Color attributes" do not apply to units of black-eye peas, cream peas, or units of "snaps" in the style of "frozen peas with snaps."

(b) *Color attributes.* "Color attributes" are defined as follows:

(1) "Crowder peas." Each unit with a color that is characteristic of very young peas.

(2) "Field peas" and "mixed types." Each unit with a color that is characteristic of very young peas.

(c) \* \* \*

TABLE III.—COLOR ATTRIBUTES

Absolute limit (AL)	Minimum number permitted	
	73	119
	Field peas, and mixed types	Crowder peas
Number of sample units		
1 .....	84	133
2 .....	175	276
3 .....	268	421
4 .....	362	566
5 .....	456	712
6 .....	551	859
7 .....	646	1006
8 .....	741	1153
9 .....	837	1148
10 .....	932	1596
11 .....	1028	1596
12 .....	1124	1744
13 .....	1220	1892
14 .....	1315	2040
15 .....	1411	2188
16 .....	1508	2336
17 .....	1604	2485
18 .....	1700	2633
19 .....	1796	2782
20 .....	1892	2930

<sup>1</sup> May include the following: Honey; molasses, except for stockfeed; nuts and nut products, except oil; sugar (cane, beet, and maple); sirups (blended), sirups, except from grain; tea, cocoa, coffee, spices, condiments.

TABLE III.—COLOR ATTRIBUTES—Continued

Absolute limit (AL)	Minimum number permitted	
	73	119
	Field peas, and mixed types	Crowder peas
Number of sample units		
21 .....	1989	3079
Acceptable quality Level (AQL) <sup>1</sup> .....	14.0	21.50

<sup>1</sup> Based on an average count of 1400 units for "White Acre" peas and 700 units for all other types per 10 ounce package.

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Administrator.

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## Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

### 7 CFR Parts 401, 443, and 457

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### General Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Endorsements; Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Various Crop Insurance Provisions

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation ("FCIC") hereby amends the General Crop Insurance Regulations, Hybrid Sorghum Seed and Rice Endorsements; the Hybrid Seed Crop Insurance Regulations; and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Small Grains, Cotton, Extra Long Staple Cotton, Sunflower Seed and Coarse Grains Crop Insurance Provisions, applicable beginning with the 1996 crop year for spring planted crops with contract change dates on or after the effective date of this rule, by revising prevented planting coverage. The intended effect of this regulation is to expand prevented planting benefits available under the various policies being amended.

**DATES:** The effective date of this rule is November 30, 1995. The comment period for information collections under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through January 8, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** For information collection comments submission, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and a copy of the