

(1) The carcass, parts derived from the carcass, or large carcass parts may have slight discolorations, provided the discolorations do not detract from the appearance of the product.

(2) The carcass may have lightly shaded areas of discoloration, provided the aggregate area of all discolorations does not exceed an area equivalent to the area of a circle of the diameter specified in the following table. Evidence of incomplete bleeding, such as more than an occasional slightly reddened feather follicle, is not permitted.

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted	
Minimum	Maximum	Breast and legs	Elsewhere on carcass
None	2 lb	¾ in	1¼ in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	1 in	2 in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	1½ in	2½ in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	2 in	3 in.

(3) The carcass may have moderately shaded areas of discoloration and discolorations due to flesh bruising, provided:

(i) They are not on the breast or legs, except for the area adjacent to the hock joint;

(ii) They are free of clots; and

(iii) They may not exceed an aggregate area equivalent to the area of a circle of the diameter specified in the following table:

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted	
Minimum	Maximum	Hock area of legs	Elsewhere on carcass
None	2 lb	¼ in	⅝ in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	½ in	1 in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	¾ in	1¼ in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	1 in	1½ in.

(4) Parts, other than large carcass parts, may have lightly shaded areas of discoloration, provided the aggregate area of all discolorations does not exceed an area equivalent to the area of a circle of the diameter specified in the following table. Evidence of incomplete bleeding, such as more than an occasional slightly reddened feather follicle, is not permitted.

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted
Minimum	Maximum	
None	2 lb	½ in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	¾ in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	1 in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	1¼ in.

(5) Parts, other than large carcass parts, may have moderately shaded areas of discoloration and discolorations due to flesh bruising, provided:

(i) They are not on the breast or legs, except for the area adjacent to the hock joint;

(ii) They are free of clots; and

(iii) They may not exceed an aggregate area equivalent to the area of a circle of the diameter specified in the following table:

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted
Minimum	Maximum	
None	2 lb	¼ in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	⅝ in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	1 in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	1¼ in.

(6) Large carcass parts, specifically halves, front halves, or rear halves, may have lightly shaded areas of discoloration, provided the aggregate area of all discolorations does not exceed an area equivalent to the area of a circle of the diameter specified in the following table:

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted	
Minimum	Maximum	Breast and legs	Elsewhere
None	2 lb	½ in	1 in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	¾ in	1½ in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	1 in	2 in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	1¼ in	2½ in.

(7) Large carcass parts, specifically halves, front halves, or rear halves, may have moderately shaded areas of discoloration and discolorations due to flesh bruising, provided:

(i) They are not on the breast or legs, except for the area adjacent to the hock joint;

(ii) They are free of clots; and

(iii) They may not exceed an aggregate area equivalent to the area of a circle of

the diameter specified in the following table:

Carcass weight		Maximum aggregate area permitted	
Minimum	Maximum	Hock area of legs	Elsewhere
None	2 lb	¼ in	½ in.
Over 2 lb	6 lb	⅝ in	¾ in.
Over 6 lb	16 lb	1 in	1 in.
Over 16 lb ..	None	1¼ in	1½ in.

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(3) Occasional small areas of clear, pinkish, or reddish colored ice.

(4) Occasional small areas of dehydration, white to light grey in color, on the flesh of skinless carcasses, parts, or specified poultry food products not to exceed the permitted aggregate area for discolorations as provided in § 70.220(g).

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7. In section 70.221, paragraphs (d), (e), (f), and (g) are revised to read as follows:

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(d) *Defeathering.* The carcass or part may have a few protruding pinfeathers, diminutive feathers, or hairs which are scattered sufficiently so as not to appear numerous.

(e) *Exposed flesh.* A carcass may have exposed flesh provided that no part on the carcass has more than one-third of the flesh exposed. A part may have no more than one-third of the flesh normally covered by skin exposed.

(f) *Disjointed and broken bones, missing parts, and trimming.* (1) Parts may be disjointed, but are free of broken bones. The carcass may have two disjointed bones, or one disjointed bone and one nonprotruding broken bone.

(2) Parts of the wing beyond the second joint may be removed at a joint. The tail may be removed at the base.

(3) Slight trimming of the carcass is permitted provided the meat yield of any part on the carcass is not appreciably affected. A moderate amount of meat may be trimmed around the edge of a part to remove defects. The back may be trimmed in an area not wider than the base of the tail to the area halfway between the base of the tail and the hip joints.

(g) *Discolorations of the skin and flesh.* (1) Discolorations are limited to moderately shaded areas and the carcass or part is free of serious defects. Evidence of incomplete bleeding shall be no more than slight. Discolorations due to flesh bruising shall be free of clots and may not exceed one-half the