

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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USDA Proposes Standards for Grades of Frozen Fish Blocks:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced proposed standards for grades of frozen fish blocks. The standards apply to blocks of frozen, skinless fish fillets which are used in the manufacture of frozen fried fish sticks and other prepared fish products.

The grades, designated as "U. S. Grade A," "U. S. Grade B," and "Substandard," are determined primarily by rating on a scoring system the appearance, uniformity of size and symmetry, freedom from defects, and character of the blocks. The standards also recommend weights and dimensions of the blocks.

The proposed standards were recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior and are based on data developed by that agency. They are scheduled to be published in the Dec. 21 issue of the Federal Register.

Interested persons have until Jan. 21, 1958 in which to submit views or comments on the proposed standards for grades to the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

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