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**Review of proposed new draft Standards**

 Draft Proposed Standard for Pine Nuts

The following table of tolerances for the Standard for Pine Nuts was proposed in May 2012 as a revised joint proposal by China and the International Nut Council (INC):

| *Defects allowed* | *Tolerances allowed**percentage of defective produce, by number or weight* |
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| *Extra* | *Class I* | *Class II* |
| (a) Tolerances for produce not satisfying the minimum requirements, | 3 | 5 |  5 |
|  of which no more than |  |  |  |
| Not sufficiently developed, shrunken and shrivelled | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Mouldy  | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 |
| Rancid or damaged by pests, rotting or deterioration |  0.5 | 2 | 3 |
| Living pests  |  0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oily, mottled, yellow peak  | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Pine nuts in the germination stage  | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Pine nuts with superficial defects or traces of seed coat\*  | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| (b) Size tolerances |  |  |  |
| For produce not conforming to the size indicated, if sized | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| (c) Tolerances for other defects |  |  |  |
| Foreign matter, shell fragments, fragments of hull, dust (by weight) | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 |
| Broken kernels  | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Empty shell or loose shell | 4pc/12.5kg(Large Piece)totally 8pc/12.5kg(including tiny pieces) | 5pc/12.5kg(Large Piece)totally 8pc/12.5kg(including tiny pieces) | 5pc/12.5kg(Large Piece)totally 8pc/12.5kg(including tiny pieces) |
| Chinese Pine Nut Kernels, Pinus Koraiensis variety belonging to varieties or commercial types other than that indicated excluding Varities: Pinus Armandi and Pinus Massoniana | 2 | 5 | 5 |