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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

United States Standards for Beans

AGENCY: **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.**

ACTION: Notice.

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The **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)** is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Beans by changing the name of the class Black Turtle Soup beans to Black beans and establishing a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans. These changes were requested by the industry in order to improve the usability of the United States Standards for Beans.

Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture ``to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices \* \* \*.''  
The **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)** is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request.

The **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)** published a notice in the Federal Register on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41335), that it was proposing to change the name of the class Black Turtle Soup beans to Black beans and to establish a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans.

GIPSA received only one comment in response to that notice. The Michigan Bean Shippers Association asked that GIPSA proceed with implementing the changes and stated ``The changes \* \* \* will definitely be beneficial to U.S. world bean commerce.''  
GIPSA has determined that establishing a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans and renaming the class Black Turtle Soup beans as Black beans will improve the usability of U.S. Standards for Beans.

Since these changes to the standards were recommended and reviewed by the affected trade and are consistent with current practices in the trade, they will become effective on November 10, 1997.

The United States Standards for Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The revised United States Standards for Beans are available either by accessing GIPSA's Home Page on the Internet at: [www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/beans](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/beans) or by contacting the Audiovisual, Regulatory and Training Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3649; telephone (202) 720-1734; FAX (202) 720-4628.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.

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Administrator.

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