

Table 3. Cashew Pieces – Size Specification

Pieces must be sized using ISO Standard Woven-Wire Mesh Sieves.

Wire mesh sieves have square apertures. Round-hole sieves are not equivalent to the ISO Standard wire-mesh sieves and shall not be used to size pieces.

SIZE GRADE	Pieces passing through a wire mesh sieve with aperture¹	Pieces must be retained on a wire mesh sieve with aperture
Large Pieces ²	8.00 mm	6.30 mm
Small Pieces	6.30 mm	2.80 mm
Chips	2.80 mm	2.36 mm
Baby Bits	2.36 mm	1.70 mm
Fine Grains	1.70 mm	1.18 mm
Fines	1.18 mm	-----
Mixed Pieces	6.30 mm	4.75 mm

TOLERANCE: Not more than 5% by weight of the pieces may pass through the sieve on which they must be retained, and not more than 1.0% of the 5.0% may pass through the next the lower size grade sieve.

¹ There are two sets of sieves specified for each size grade. The first sieve with the larger aperture is stacked above the sieve with smaller aperture followed by a receiving pan. The purpose of the upper and lower sieves is to ensure that wholes, butts, splits and larger grade pieces will be retained on the top sieves. This ensures uniform grades that are best-fit for the desired manufacturing purpose.

² For large pieces, not more than 50% by weight may be retained on the 8.00 mm sieve, unless an exception has been approved by the buyer.