

# Pringles ≠ Potato Chips

I caught the tail-end of a news story the other day... something about a judge ruling that Pringles are not potato chips. What in the world? I wondered why a judge would be ruling on such a thing and also if they're not potato chips, what are they? Since I have limited time, I did limited research on the subject, and I found the answer to the first question; see below:

*LONDON – Britain's High Court has ruled that Pringles are not a potato snack, and thus are not subject to value-added tax.*

*Friday's ruling by Justice Nicholas Warren is expected to save millions for the manufacturer, Procter & Gamble Co.*

*Warren overruled a VAT Tribunal decision that Pringles should be subject to the 17.5-percent tax because it met the definition of "potato crisps, potato sticks, potato puffs and similar products made from the potato, or from potato flour, or from potato starch."*

*The judge found that Pringles were only 42 percent potato, and thus exempt.*

*P&G spokeswoman Marina Barker says the company is pleased with the ruling.*

Umm... so what else is in Pringles besides potato? Do we really want to know? And while searching for this tidbit of info, I came across another interesting article about my favorite potato chip, er, potato-ish snack food, though maybe I should have posted a link on JustJ's recent morbid post about the discarding of human bodies... Ahh, the Internet. Everything you ever wanted to know and some things you didn't – all at your fingertips!

Cincinnati, OH – *Dr. Fredric J. Baur was so proud of having*

*designed the container for Pringles potato crisps that he asked his family to bury him in one.*

*His children honored his request. Part of his remains was buried in a Pringles can – along with a regular urn containing the rest – in his grave at Arlington Memorial Gardens in Springfield Township.*

*Dr. Baur, a retired organic chemist and food storage technician who specialized in research and development and quality control for Procter & Gamble, died May 4 at Vitas Hospice. The College Hill resident was 89.*