

Product Specification: Eggplant



CATEGORY	Eggplant	PRODUCT	Generic
PACK TYPE	Loose	GRADE	Premium

GENERAL APPEARANCE		
COLOUR	Even dark purple shiny skin, green stem and calyx, white flesh and seeds	
SHAPE	Round to oval, tapering at the stem end.	
SENSORY	Firm skin with spongy flesh. No off odours or tastes.	
MATURITY	Firm to touch. No dark brown seeds lining inner flesh (overmature).	
CLEANLINESS	Free from dirt, insect stains, residue or other foreign matter.	
UNSALEABLE DEFECTS		
FOREIGN MATTER	Evidence of live insects.	
	Nil foreign matter (e.g. glass, metal, hard plastics).	
PRODUCT COUNT	No undercounts.	
PACK WEIGHT	No underweights.	
MAJOR DEFECTS		
DISEASES	Fungal or bacterial rots of skin or flesh. (e.g Phomopsis, Anthracnose)	
	Discolouration of deformation due to viral infection.	
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	Unhealed cuts, holes and/or splits from physical or pest damage that break the skin.	
	Indentations from physical damage that don't break the skin covering >10% of surface area.	
TEMPERATURE DAMAGE	With dark, water-soaked areas.	
	Pitted skin and discolouration in the underlying flesh (chilling injury).	
MINOR DEFECTS		
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	Minor bruising, affecting >3sq cm.	
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS	Distorted shape	
	Skin Blemish covering >10% of surface area	
SURFACE INCONSISTENCIES	Hail marks, or healed limb rubs affecting >3sq cm.	
SIZE - DIAMETER		
SIZE CATEGORY	12CT	0.33-0.36KG+
	28CT	0.33-0.36KG+
	32CT	0.3-0.34KG+
RECEIVAL		
TEMPERATURE °C (AT ARRIVAL)	7-10	
TOLERANCE	Unsaleable defects 0%	
	Major defects <5%	

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	Minor defects <10%
	Combined total limit <10%
	<5 outside of size range
LABELLING & TRACEABILITY	Packaging and labelling as per Foodstuffs requirements. Produce must provide no less than 12 days clear shelf life from date of receipt.
TRANSPORT CONDITIONS	Stacked to Ti Hi specifications onto a stabilised pallet as per-ordered. Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Goods must be received in accordance with Foodstuffs North Island Health and Safety guidelines and Foodstuffs North Island Standard Operating Procedure receipt guidelines (refer to reference materials for more information). Of note are pallet size, stacking standards and crate cards.

PHOTOS OF DEFECTS

		
Notes: Soft and skin blemishes.	Notes: Blemishes.	Notes: Dulling skin.
		
Notes: Rotten.	Notes: Rotting calyx.	Notes: Skin Blemishes.