




Produce Specification: Pomegranate



CATEGORY	Pomegranate	PRODUCT	Pomegranate
PACK TYPE	Various	GRADE	Premium

GENERAL APPEARANCE		
COLOUR	Deep pink to dark red skin, dark red flesh with pulpy seeds.	
SHAPE	Round with protruding calyx.	
SENSORY	Thin glossy skin, calyx intact, membranous white walls containing pulpy seeds. Free of foreign odours and tastes.	
MATURITY	Strongly coloured, unbroken skin, >13 Brix.	
CLEANLINESS	Clean & free from contamination.	
UNSALEABLE DEFECTS		
FOREIGN MATTER	Evidence of live insects.	
	Nil foreign matter (e.g. glass metal, hard plastics).	
PRODUCT COUNT	No undercounts.	
PRODUCT WEIGHT	No underweights.	
MAJOR DEFECTS		
COSMETIC DEFECTS	Minor bruising, sunken areas and darkened skin colour affecting >1 cm ² , hail marks affecting >5 cm ² and healed branch rub >1 cm ² .	
DISEASES	With evidence of fungal or bacterial rots.	
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	With unhealed cuts, holes or cracks that break the skin.	
PHYSIOLOGICAL DEFECTS	With sunken, brown lesions or bruises in the skin. With dry, softened skin (dehydrated).	
TEMPERATURE DAMAGE	With skin discolouration (sunburn). With skin pitting / discolouration and internal browning (chilling injury).	
MINOR DEFECTS		
PHYSICAL IMPURITIES	With minor bruises, e.g. flat or sunken areas, slightly darker than skin colour, affecting >1 cm ² . With hail marks e.g. healed skin depressions, affecting in aggregate >1 cm ² .	
SURFACE INCONSISTENCIES	With healed limb rub >1 cm ² . No unhealed injuries.	
SIZE		
LOOSE PACK PREMIUM	24 – 26ct	No current size specification
	30 – 32ct	No current size specification
	36 – 40ct	No current size specification

RECEIVAL	
TEMPERATURE °C (AT ARRIVAL)	5 – 10
TOLERANCE	Unsaleable defects 0%
	Major defects <5%
	Minor defects <10%
	Combined total limit <10%
	<5% outside size range
PACKAGING & LABELLING	<p>Packaging manufactured from new food grade materials or sanitised returnable crates.</p> <p>Packaging to adhere to Foodstuffs North Island Produce Packaging Guidelines.</p> <p>All labelling must meet the current legislative requirements.</p> <p>Crate card must include the product description, SKU number (in large font), supplier name, grower/packer's name, product grade, count/weight, and delivery date.</p> <p>Pre-packaged produce must display the grower's name, the packed-on date, best before date or used by date (batch code is optional).</p>
SHELF LIFE	Produce must have a shelf life of at least 5 days upon arrival at the Distribution Centre, or directly at the store from the supplier.
TRANSPORT CONDITIONS	<p>Stacked to Ti Hi specifications onto a stabilised pallet as per-ordered.</p> <p>Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved.</p> <p>Goods must be received in accordance with Foodstuffs North Island Receiving and Carrier Guidelines (refer to reference materials for more information).</p> <p>Of note are pallet size, stacking standards and crate cards.</p>
CHEMICAL CONTAMINATE RESIDUE	Relevant growers and/or producers, hold, will maintain, and will comply with all necessary certificates, licences, permits, and other approvals required by Laws or the Policies and Compliance Requirements for the manufacture, packing, supply, and storage of the groceries. This includes NZGAP (including the Social Practice Standards add-on) and/or GLOBALG.A.P (including GRASP) certification.
ORGANICS	BioGro certificate, or equivalent, is required to supply organic products into both Foodstuffs stores and Distribution Centres. The current certificate should be available on the Foodstuffs Exchange.

PHOTOS OF DEFECTS		
		
Major Splits	Skin Defects – Skin Markings	Sunburn Skin