



PRODUCE:	BROCCOLI
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TYPE	N/A	VARIETY	Various
CLASS	One	NOTES	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA	
Colour	With blue-green to purple-green florets; olive green leaves; light green stalks; white to cream cut flesh at base. Nil with brownish or reddish florets
Visual Appearance	Fresh, compact heads; 3-6 narrow outer leaves retained; stalks with even, clean fresh cuts; no leaves growing through or above the head; no foreign matter.
Sensory	With firm, crisp heads; pleasant flavour; no persistent 'off' odours or tastes
Shape	With compact, domed heads; tightly grouped branchlets, not loose or spreading; floret size relatively even over the head.
Size	Preferred Head diameter is 100 - 140mm (small/medium). All other sizes only by request; 80 - 100mm (small), 140 - 180mm (medium), 180 - 200mm (large). Stalk length: trimmed, per requirements, eg. With distance from cut base to dome top being approximately equal to dome width; or cut not >20mm below the join (lower side) of bottom lateral to main stalk.
Maturity	Full firm stalks, no evidence of bud opening (overmature).
MAJOR DEFECTS	
Insects & Diseases	With evidence of live insects, eg. insect larvae, slugs, snails. With fungal or bacterial rots in the head, stem or attached leaves.
Physical/Pest Damage	With broken or crushed branchlets, or with cuts or splits in the stems which break the skin.
Physiological Disorder	With limp, soft leaves or florets (dehydrated). With yellowish, purplish or brown toned florets, or with yellowed or brown jacket leaves. With yellowing florets (age, ethylene damage).
Temperature Injury	With bleached or discoloured appearance (sunburn) With soft, discoloured water-soaked florets, leaf or stalk tissues (freezing injury).
MINOR DEFECTS	
Physical/Pest Damage	With minor (<2mm deep) abrasion, scuffing, pest chewing, hail or rub damage/blemish to florets or stalks, affecting >1sq cm. With minor breaks to florets around the head perimeter exposing >6 sq cm of damaged florets (white-green appearance in side-on-view).
Physiological Disorder	With hollow stalk, ie. Discoloured cracks/hollow areas affecting >1 sq cm of the cut base of the stalk.
CONSIGNMENT CRITERIA	
Tolerance Per Consignment	Total minor defects (within allowance limit) to be < 2 defects per item Total minor defects (outside allowance limit) must not exceed 10% of consignment. Total major defects must not exceed 2 % of consignment. Combined Total not to exceed 10%.
Packaging & Labelling	Packaging manufactured from new food grade materials or sanitised returnable crates. All labelling must meet the current legislative requirements. Labelling to identify grower's name/brand (plus growers name/code if via a packhouse), address, contents, class, size and/or minimum net weight. Produce to identify Country of Origin (eg. Produce of Australia) on outer container. Produce delivered in styrofoam containers must have ice covering the produce.
Shelf Life	Produce must provide not less than 14 days clear shelf life from date of receipt.
Receival Conditions	Compliance with Quarantine Treatments (if required) for Interstate Consignment. Stacked onto a stabilised pallet as pre-ordered. Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Pulp Temperature 0 - 5 °C.
Chemical & Containment Residues	All chemicals used pre/postharvest must be registered and approved for use in accordance with the requirements of the APVMA regulatory system. Residues, Contaminants and Heavy Metals to comply with the FSANZ Food Standards Code MRL's and ML's.
Food Safety Requirements	Produce is to be grown and packed under a HACCP based food safety program that is subject to an annual third-party audit. A copy of current certification to be forwarded to receiver.