Effective: 1 November 2006



PRODUCE: CAPSICUM (MINI VINE SWEET)

ТҮРЕ	Baby	VARIETY	Various
CLASS	One	NOTES	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRIT	ERIA	
Colour	Bright red to burgundy red skin; golden yellow skin; bright orange skin; green calyx. Nil with green colour affecting > 0.5sg cm, or with brown tinge affecting >0.5 sg. cm surface.	
Visual Appearance	Smooth with glossy skin; calyx intact, clean cut stems, no split or frayed stem. Sound seed cavity, free from foreign matter.	
Sensory	Firm, crisp juicy flesh, sweet flavour, no foreign odours or flavours.	
Shape	Practically cylindrical to oblong-shaped with slightly tapered blossom end. Nil with bends greater than 45° from vertical. No obvious twisting, very pointed blossom ends or deformed.	
Size	60-120mm length, 20-55g weight.	
Maturity	Firm fruit.	
MAJOR DEFECTS		
Insects	Live insects or insect infestation (eg fruit fly larvae, scale); obvious bleached soft areas, skin pitting/ loss of firmness.	
Diseases	Evidence of fungal or bacterial rot, mould or decays (Anthracnose, Alternaria rot, bacterial soft rot). Distortion or mottling caused by virus infection.	
Physical/Pest Damage	Any cuts, holes or splits from physical or pest damage, soft or deep seated bruises.	
Temperature Injury	With obvious bleached, flattened areas (sunburn). With soft flesh or wrinkled skin (dehydration). With pitted skin and dark, soft underlying fleshes (chilling injury).	
Skin Marks/Blemishes	Dark green / brown spots on the fruit surface.	
Physiological Disorder	Internal grey discolouration affecting less than 0.5 sq cm of the surface. Persistent green shoulders on the fruit.	
MINOR DEFECTS		
Physical/Pest Damage	With superficial dark rub marks or bruising (<1 mm deep) affecting in aggregate >1 sq cm.	
Skin Marks/Blemishes	Less than 0.5 sq cm affected by light scattered marks or blemishes. Zipper lines not exceeding more than half of the fruit and a width of more than 1mm.	
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 Countryof Origin (eg. Produce of Australia) on outer container.	
Shelf Life	Produce must provide not less than 14 days clear shelf life from date of receival.	
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 8 - 12° 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.	

*Specifications reviewable: e.g. to account for specific regional effects or adverse seasonal impacts on quality or early or late seasonal variances as agreed and communicated formally in writing.