Effective: 1 November 2006



PRODUCE: CORN

ТҮРЕ	Sweet	VARIETY	Various
CLASS	One	NOTES	

Colour	Golden yellow kernels; green husk; cream to brown silks.	
Visual Appearance	Kernels should be plump, shiny and well coloured; fibrous husk intact and close fitting, not wilted; silks attached a the top of the cob; flag leaves and long stems removed; clean stem cut at the base of the cob <25 mm past the lash husk attachment; free from foreign matter.	
Sensory	Sweet flavoured, crisp kernels containing a milky juice; free from foreign and 'off' smells or tastes.	
Shape	Cylindrical to conical. Nil misshapen or distorted cobs.	
Size	Minimum cob size 180 mm length.	
Maturity	Kernels firm, full bodied, juicy and well coloured; not small (immature) or dry (overmature).	
MAJOR DEFECTS		
Insects	With evidence of live insects or insect infestation (eg Heliothis caterpillars).	
Diseases	With evidence of fungal or bacterial rots (eg mildew, smut). With evidence of yellowed striping or mottling (virus infection).	
Physical/Pest Damage	With unhealed cuts, holes or splits from physical or pest damage. With deep bruises or crushed areas in the kernels.	
Temperature Injury	With discoloured, water-soaked areas (freezing damage). With dented or shrivelled kernels (dehydrated).	
Physiological Disorder	With a lack of kernel filling on >15% of the end of the cob, or over the main body of the cob (incomplete fertilisation).	
MINOR DEFECTS		
Physical/Pest Damage	With rust extending over >2 sq cm of the outer husk, or deeper than 2 layers of husk. With husks penetrated in more than one place by mechanical or pest means.	
Skin Marks/Blemishes	With discolouration of the husk >2 sq cm (frost damage or spray burn).	
Physiological Disorder	With watery kernels (with clear, not milky juice) or dry, doughy kernels (incorrect maturity).	
CONSIGNMENT CRITERIA		
Tolerance Per Consignment	Total minor defects (within allowance limit) to be < 2 defects per item. Total minor defects (outside allowance limust 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 tourrent 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 paller as pre-ordered. Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Pulp Temperature 2 - 6 ° C.	
Chemical & Containment Residues	All chemicals used pre/postharvest must be registered and approved for use in accordance with the requirement of the APVMA regulatory system. Residues, Contaminants and Heavy Metals to comply with the FSANZ Food Standards Code MRL's and ML's.	
	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.	