



<b>PRODUCE:</b>	<b>MELON</b>
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<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Watermelon</b>	<b>VARIETY</b>	<b>Seedless</b>
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA	
<b>Colour</b>	With mid-dark green background, with or without prominent pale green striping; deep red flesh with few immature white seeds and occasional black seeds.
<b>Visual Appearance</b>	With bright bloom full bodied; no hollow areas when cut; rind thickness 10-15mm; no foreign matter, eg. traces only of soil, not clumped or matter. With need for stickers with PLU and produce type name, or bar code when available, per requirements.
<b>Sensory</b>	With firm, smooth skin, not soft or coarse; sweet, crisp flesh; no 'off' odours or tastes..
<b>Shape</b>	Round. Nil with pronounced pointed ends or otherwise deformed.
<b>Size</b>	Per requirements, within the range 5-14kg.
<b>Maturity</b>	TSS > 10° Brix.
MAJOR DEFECTS	
<b>Insects</b>	With evidence of live insects.
<b>Diseases</b>	With fungal or bacterial rots (Rhizopus rot, Fusarium rot, blue mould, sour rot, Anthracnose).
<b>Physical/Pest Damage</b>	With cuts, splits, holes, cracks that break the skin.
<b>Temperature Injury</b>	With severe sunburn, eg. wrinkled areas. With skin pitting and flesh discolouration (chilling injury)
<b>Physiological Disorders</b>	With dark sunken area at blossom end (blossom end rot). With faded colour and softened skin (dehydrated, senescent) With hollow centre or soft, mealy flesh (overmature).
MINOR DEFECTS	
<b>Physical/Pest Damage</b>	With >2 healed insect holes/punctures to skin (not >3mm wide or 3mm deep). With superficial bruising (<2mm deep), slightly darker colour/skin still firm, affecting >8 sq cm; no soft/moist, deep-seated bruises. With healed, shallow (<2mm) light coloured scarring/pest chewing affecting >8 sq cm; no deep (>2mm) soft/moist insect scarring. With groundmark >30% of visible surface area; with uniform pale colour only; not dark and/or blotchy.
<b>Physiological Disorder</b>	With attached stems exceeding 10mm length
<b>Skin Marks/Blemishes</b>	With dark blemish, ie. reddish/brown areas/patches (eg. due to chilling) or other solid marks, collectively affecting >8 sq cm of surface area. With scattered light blemish, eg. sand marks, healed scratches (<2mm deep), mild sunburn (bleached greyish), collectively affecting >10% of visible surface.
CONSIGNMENT CRITERIA	
<b>Tolerance Per Consignment</b>	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%
<b>Packaging &amp; Labelling</b>	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.
<b>Shelf Life</b>	Produce must provide not less than 14 days clear shelf life from date of receipt.
<b>Receival Conditions</b>	Compliance with Quarantine Treatments (if required) for Interstate Consignment. Stacked onto a stabilised pallet. Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Pulp Temperature 12 - 20 °C for Receipt.
<b>Chemical &amp; Containment Residues</b>	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 to the FSANZ Food Standards Code ML's and MRL's.
<b>Food Safety Requirements</b>	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.