Effective: 1 November 2006



PRODUCE:	ASIAN VEGETABLES (ROOT)

ТҮРЕ	Jicama	VARIETY	Various
CLASS	One	NOTES	Yam Bean

Colour	Light brown skin and white flesh.
Visual Appearance	Smooth skinned root tuber; irregularly shaped with dried remains of the plant stem forming a peak at the top centre; free from foreign matter.
Sensory	Firm, crisp, juicy tuber; slightly sweet, mild flavour; free from foreign and 'off ' smells or tastes.
Shape	Approximately round with irregular lobes, flattened at the base, elongating into a blunt peak at the apex.
Size	80 - 100 mm diameter at the widest point; as pre-ordered per requirements.
Maturity	Not woody (overmature) or undersized (immature).
MAJOR DEFECTS	
Insects	With evidence of live insects (eg weevils, nematodes).
Diseases	With evidence of fungal or bacterial rots (eg Fusarium rot, Rhizoctonia rot, moulds).
Physical/Pest Damage	With unhealed cuts, holes, splits or pest damage that breaks the skin. With deep seated bruises or large flattened areas.
Skin Marks / Blemishes	With superficial scuffs, scratches or blemishes affecting in aggregate > 4 sq cm.
Physiological Disorder	With shrivelled, wrinkled skin (dehydrated). With distorted, irregular or forked shape. With yellowed foliage and / or spongy flesh (senescent)
Temperature Injury	With discoloured, water-soaked areas, (freezing damage). With sunken, discoloured areas in skin and underlying flesh (chilling injury).
MINOR DEFECTS	
Physical/Pest Damage	With minor skin blemishes affecting in aggregate >2 sq cm.
Skin Marks/Blemishes	With mechanical harvesting marks or healed depressions in skin affecting in aggregate >2 sq cm.
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 th 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 requirement 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.