

**PRODUCE:****CAPSICUM**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>VARIETY</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	

**GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA**

<b>Colour</b>	Bright red to burgundy red skin; bright green calyx, none with green colouration affecting >4 sq cm or with brownish tinge affecting > 25 % surface.
<b>Visual Appearance</b>	With smooth, glossy skin; intact calyx; sound seed cavity; free from foreign matter.
<b>Sensory</b>	Firm, crisp, juicy flesh; peppery, slightly sweet flavour; no foreign odours or tastes.
<b>Shape</b>	Approximately square to oblong, slightly tapered at the blossom end; may be twisted slightly off centre; none with bends >45° from vertical or horizontal; no fruit with a twisted or deformed shape or with a very pointed blossom end.
<b>Size</b>	In pre-ordered size range only, per requirements. Length : medium 70 - 90mm; medium-large 90 - 110mm; large 110 - 130mm. (a 10% size overlap between size grades is allowable)
<b>Maturity</b>	None < 70 mm long or < 160 g weight; none > 130 mm long.

**MAJOR DEFECTS**

<b>Insects</b>	With evidence of live insects (eg fruit fly larvae, scale).
<b>Diseases</b>	With fungal or bacterial rots (Anthracnose, Alternaria rot, bacterial soft rot). With distortion or mottling due to virus infection.
<b>Physical/Pest Damage</b>	With cuts, holes, or pest damage that breaks the skin. With soft areas or deep-seated bruises.
<b>Temperature Injury</b>	With obvious bleached, flattened areas (sunburn). With soft flesh or wrinkled skin (dehydration). With pitted skin and dark, soft underlying flesh (chilling injury).
<b>Physiological Disorder</b>	With open growth or stem end cracks, or with superficial skin cracking (excess moisture). With softening or rotting evident at the fruit blossom end (calcium deficiency). With dark green / brownish spots over fruit surface (Yolo spot)

**MINOR DEFECTS**

<b>Physical/Pest Damage</b>	With superficial dark rub marks or bruising (<1 mm deep) affecting in aggregate >1 sq cm.
<b>Skin Marks/Blemishes</b>	With >3 dark, dry spots, >1 mm diameter. With scattered, superficial light brown marks affecting in aggregate >4 sq cm.

**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 as pre-ordered. Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Pulp Temperature 8 - 12° C.
<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 with the FSANZ Food Standards Code MRL's and ML'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.