

**PRODUCE:****PINEAPPLE**

TYPE	Sweet Gold	VARIETY	Hybrid Varieties
CLASS	One	NOTES	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA

Colour	Greenish yellow to golden yellow skin; golden yellow flesh.
Visual Appearance	Thick, rough skin covered with a hexagonal pattern of nodules; thick, blue-green bunch of cactus like leaves at top to be cut and cleanly removed from fruit. Fruit to be fully waxed.
Sensory	Very sweet, firm, juicy flesh; strong sweet aroma; texture not chalky or fibrous.
Shape	Cylindrical, pine-cone shaped fruit,
Size	9 - 14cm diameter, 18 - 28cm height.
Maturity	Fruit colour >50% yellow - orange, not full dark green (immature) TSS >12° (Brix test to be taken from middle third section of fruit).

MAJOR DEFECTS

Insects	With evidence of live insects.
Diseases	With fungal or bacterial soft rots (eg water blister, core rot, yeasty rot). With pinkish or water soaked flesh (pink disease). With brown, granular or woody flesh (marbling disease).
Physical/Pest Damage	With severe cuts, holes, punctures or cracks that break the skin. With severe, deep seated bruises in skin and flesh.
Physiological Disorders	With hard, white flesh (immature) With wilted leaves and soft flesh (dehydrated)
Temperature Injury	With brown / black flesh discolouration around the core (blackheart - chilling injury) With translucent flesh and/or sunken, soft, dark lesions (high temperature injury)

MINOR DEFECTS

Skin Marks/Blemishes	With superficial light (beige) colouring of skin affecting >25% of fruit.
Physiological Disorder	With multiple crowns on each fruit.
Temperature Injury	With light, bleached areas affecting >10% visible surface (sunburn).
Physical/Pest Damage	With skin scuffs, rubs, prickly eye affecting >25% surface of fruit.

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 Country of Origin (eg. Produce of Australia) on outer container.
Shelf Life	Produce must provide not less than 14 days clear shelf life from date of receipt.
Receival Conditions	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 15 - 20 °C for Receipt.
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 to the FSANZ Food Standards Code ML's and MRL'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.