



PRODUCE:	PLUM
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TYPE	Red	VARIETY	Early Queen
CLASS	One	NOTES	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA

Colour	Red to purple over a yellow ground colour. At receipt red blush to cover at least 40 % of skin surface. Flesh yellow and firm.
Visual Appearance	Sound fruit with or without stalks. Intact skins. Clingstone. Free from juice and spray residues or foreign matter on the skin.
Sensory	Sweet flesh with lots of juice. Free from foreign and 'off' smells or tastes.
Shape	Round
Size	In counts and/or diameters; Uniform per pack. Minimum 50mm diameter. Maximum variance 5mm.
Maturity	Firm but yield to gentle pressure. No hard fruit.

MAJOR DEFECTS

Insects	With evidence of live insects.
Diseases	With evidence of progressive fungal or bacterial rots on the skin, flesh or stone of the plum. With evidence of discolouration or disfigurement due to viruses.
Physical/Pest Damage	With unhealed cuts, holes or splits in the skin on the cheeks of the fruit
Skin Marks / Blemishes	With deep seated bruises.
Temperature Injury	With evidence of dark water-soaked areas (freeze damage).
Physiological Disorders	With open split stone. With deformed or disfigured fruit.

MINOR DEFECTS

Physical/Pest Damage	With superficial bruising >1sq cm. With > 10 bacterial spots >0.5mm diameter.
Temperature Injury	With evidence of sunburn >1.5 sq cm.
Skin Marks/Blemishes	With healed scars, hail damage or slight skin rubs; 48 - 55 mm > 1.5 sq cm, >55 mm > 2 sq cm With healed stem end cracks > 0.5 cm in length. With brown indentations or healed scars at the stem end > 1 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 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.
Receipt 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 6 - 15 °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. Produce that meets the above specifications but is not grown under a HACCP based food safety program must not be labelled Class 1.