

Metcash Produce Specification

A. Product Description	
Product	Eggplant - Lebanese
Variety	Various
Pack Type	Loose, carton pack As per state requirements

Product supplied to MF&G Fresh Branches must satisfy the Metcash Supplier Delivery Standards & the following requirements:

B. Basic Quality Parameters	
General Appearance	Bright and fresh in appearance. Free from foreign matter and residues
Colour	Deep purple/black skin and cream/white flesh. Fresh green calyx. All fruit with stem less than 20mm long.
Shape	All fruit must be a well-developed, finger like shape. Elongated
Size	Uniform size within carton.
Sensory / Eating Quality	Firm, smooth skin. Slightly 'springy' flesh.
Distribution Receipt Temperature	7 – 12 °C

C. FOOD SAFETY PARAMETERS <i>(Any detection or evidence is cause for immediate rejection)</i>	
Foreign Matter	Free from foreign matter / contamination / mould or surface residues. No foreign or off odours indicating breakdown.
Infestation	No evidence of insect infestation, alive or dead.
Chemicals and Contaminants	Produce shall comply with FSANZ Food Standards Code Standard 1.4.2 – Maximum Residue Limits and Standard 1.4.1 – Contaminants and Natural Toxicants.

D. Major Defects	
Diseases	Evidence of fungal/bacterial rots or blossom end rot.
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of deep/soft bruising. Evidence of unhealed insect damage.
Physiological Disorders	Evidence of compression damage, splits or other open skin puncture
Temperature Injury	Evidence of 'glassy' soft or discoloured (brown) areas of skin surface.

E. Minor Defects	
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of skin marks/blemish over more than 3 sq. cm of surface area (includes weather or sand marks and healed cracks/mechanical damage).
Skin marks or blemish	Evidence of skin wrinkling over more than 3 sq. cm surface area.

F. Labelling & Packaging Requirements <i>(Packaging must be clean & sturdy – no damaged / recycled packaging accepted)</i>	
Packaging / Trade Measurement	Loose fill packed cardboard cartons. Net carton weight as per state requirements No underweight cartons.
Labelling	Each carton or sale unit of stock must be labelled, with the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grower's name & address. Packer's name & address (if different from grower details) • Supplier name (if different) • Product description • Count, size & grade • Net pack weight (where applicable) • Lot identification (packed on date etc.) • Country Of Origin • DC delivery date (all bulk items)

Assessment Summary		Tray Packed & Bulk Carton Items
B.	Basic Quality Parameters	Product outside spec must not exceed 5%
D.	Major Defects	Product outside spec must not exceed 1%
E.	Minor Defects	Product outside spec must not exceed 5%
Total	B+D+E Combined	Total product outside spec must not exceed 8%

This specification may be revised in consideration of seasonal / climatic conditions. In that instance a Variance To Specification must be issued for a specified period of time, as per procedure HA11-11.

Product Image

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