

Metcash Produce Specification

A. Product Description	
Product	Fennel
Variety	Baby
Pack Type	Case Count of 20 bulbs

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

B. Basic Quality Parameters	
General Appearance	Firm, fresh, crisp bulbs with feathery leaves. Butts must be clean cut. Short thin, round, grooved stems from the top of the bulb. Free from foreign matter and residues.
Colour	Light/Dark green feathery leaves, pale green stem to whitish base with bluish stripes.
Shape	Rounded/plump wedge shape with thin stems emerging from the top. Firm plump bulb
Size	Uniform bunch size within carton. Approximately 50 – 75mm in diameter
Sensory / Eating Quality	Firm crisp bulb with pale colour. Delicate aniseed flavour and aroma. No off flavours/taints.
Distribution Receipt Temperature	2 – 7°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 - decaying/slimy areas.
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of excessive soil Evidence of wilting or yellowing due to age and excessive storage
Physiological Disorders	Evidence of severe crushing damage to stems/leaves.
Temperature Injury	Evidence of sunburn injury to the surface of the leaf or stem Evidence of dark areas, water soaked stems or leaves (frost and freeze injury)

E. Minor Defects	
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of damage (holes/cuts/tears) to more than 5% of stems/bulb.
Skin marks or blemish	Evidence of superficial bruises, blemish/leaf discolouration Evidence of flower formation affecting > 1 sprig per bunch

F. Labelling & Packaging Requirements <i>(Packaging must be clean & sturdy – no damaged / recycled packaging accepted)</i>	
Packaging / Trade Measurement	Loose fill packed cardboard cartons. 20 bulbs per carton? No undercount 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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