

Metcash Produce Specification

A. Product Description	
Product	Sweet Potato
Variety	White - Various
Pack Type	Loose filled cardboard carton. 10kg minimum net weight.

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

B. Basic Quality Parameters	
General Appearance	Tuberous root vegetable with dry flesh. Smooth skin that is free from secondary rootlets, veining or roughness. Minimal residual soil after washing. Uniform flesh and skin characteristics within the lot. Free from foreign matter.
Colour	Creamy white to pale brown coloured skin; creamy white flesh.
Shape	Oval or elongated tuber. (Not badly disfigured, crooked or constricted.)
Size	Small: 300 - 500g, Medium: 350 - 700g;
Sensory / Eating Quality	Firm, crisp, dry flesh texture. Free from foreign and 'off' smells or tastes.
Distribution Receipt Temperature	12 – 20°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 or bacterial rots (e.g. Rhizopus rots, Erwinia, black rot). Evidence of discolouration or disfigurement due to viruses.
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of soft / deep bruising. Evidence of unhealed cuts, holes or splits from physical or pest damage (e.g. tunnelling from weevils) Evidence of cracks or badly disfigured tubers (nematode damage).
Physiological Disorders	Evidence of sprouting Evidence of internal abnormalities / breakdown. Evidence of growth cracks (moisture extremes). Evidence of dry or woody fibrous core separating from flesh (hard core)
Temperature Injury	Evidence of internal discolouration, softening or breakdown (chilling injury) Evidence of sprouting, stem end deterioration or softening (high humidity and temperature damage during certain growing periods)

E. Minor Defects	
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of minor bruises, affecting in aggregate > 2 sq. cm. Evidence of wounds / growth cracks / mechanical damage / temperature cracks over 30mm long and/or 2mm deep and/or 2mm wide. (Not removable in one stroke peeling).
Skin marks or blemish	Evidence of skin marks / blemish over more than 2 sq.cm of surface area. Evidence of skinning greater than 10% of 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 10kg minimum 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

