


Metcash Produce Specification

| A. Product Description | |  |
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| Product | Mushroom – Cup 200 g | |
| Variety | White Cups | |
| Pack Type | Pre-Packed punnets. Carton pack contains agreed number (12) packs | |

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

| B. Basic Quality Parameters | |
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| General Appearance | Cap generally smooth, may be slightly scaly skin around edges, clean even cut stalk base. Veil closed onto or just separating from cylindrical stalk, up to 50% of gills visible., ratio of stalk length (measured from cut base to the cap base) to cap diameter not >1:4 minimal (flecks only) of adhering soil/compost, no clumps/mats, no dark spores (over mature), free from foreign matter. Slight condensation on pack may appear. |
| Colour | White cap and stalk. Cap fully encloses pale pink to mid brown gills. |
| Shape | Well rounded dome shaped cap, closed onto cylindrical stalk, 'button' appearance. |
| Size | Uniform size within carton. Medium to medium to large Diameter ranging from 30-60mm, |
| Sensory / Eating Quality | Firm, almost crisp textured flesh. Not soft or spongy, delicate mushroom flavour No off flavours or taints. |
| Dist. Receipt Temp. | 1 – 5°C. |

| C. FOOD SAFETY PARAMETERS <i>(Any detection or evidence is cause for immediate rejection)</i> | |
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| 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 – Agvet Chemicals (S20 & S21) and Standard 1.4.1 – Contaminants and Natural Toxicants (S19). |

| D. Major Defects | |
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| Diseases | Evidence of rots/breakdown or fungus (e.g. sliminess, bacterial blotch, verticillium rots) |
| Physical or Pest Damage | Evidence of deep/heavy bruising of the cap surface (dark brown marks) Evidence of live/dead insects attached or unhealed insect damage. Evidence of splits, holes or cracks which break the cap surface. Evidence of superficial brown spots or stain marks |
| Physiological Disorders | Evidence of badly misshapen mushroom e.g. flattened or indented caps or doubles Evidence of yellowed appearance |
| Temperature Injury | Evidence of dark water-soaked area (freezing injury) |

Examples of Unacceptable Minor Defects



Peat



Blemishes



Splits



Stalk Marks



Scale

| E. Minor Defects | |
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| Physical or Pest Damage | Evidence of superficial grazing or scuffing > 1 sq. cm. Evidence of superficial bruising (not > 1mm deep) affecting > 0.5sq. cm |
| Skin marks or blemish | Evidence of skin blemish/marks (light brown) over more than 10% surface area. > 0.5 sq. cm Peat - Minimal presence of Peat. No more than 3 clumps per SKU (refer image) Stalk Marks - Maximum 3 stalk marks per SKU (refer image) Scale - Smooth to moderate scaliness, as per seasonal variations (refer image) |

| F. Labelling & Packaging Requirements <i>(Packaging must be clean & sturdy – no damaged / recycled packaging accepted)</i> | |
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| Packaging / Trade Measurement | Cardboard Carton contains agreed number (12) of Pre-Packed shrink-wrapped punnets with self-adhesive label - 200g. Pre-packed products to be above stated weight to allow for moisture loss. 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 - <i>Labels/Packaging must comply with all aspects of ACCC legislation</i> DC delivery date (all bulk items) |

| Assessment Summary | | Tray Packed & Bulk Carton Items | 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. |
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| 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% | |