


## Metcash Produce Specification

A. Product Description		
Product	Onion - Pickling	
Variety	Various	
Pack Type	Pre-pack, net in outer net. <b>Pre-Pack</b> - Net (pack wt. specific). 1kg – 2kg	

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

B. Basic Quality Parameters	
General Appearance	Bright fresh appearance. Clean cut stem and roots (less than 5mm in length. Well-formed shape with smooth double layer of papery skin. Dormant bulbs with tight necks. Free from foreign matter and surface residues.
Colour	Golden brown to mid brown papery outer skin - providing complete coverage of white inner scales (green tinge to neck end allowable).
Shape	Round to oval, with slightly extended neck area.
Size	30 - 40mm in diameter.
Sensory / Eating Quality	Firm bulb, tight skin with tight, crisp inner scales. Sharp flavour, not too pungent. No off flavours/taints.
Distribution Receipt Temperature	12 – 18°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 – Agvet Chemicals (S20 & S21) and Standard 1.4.1 – Contaminants and Natural Toxicants (S19).

D. Major Defects	
Diseases	Evidence of fungal or bacterial rots
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of soft/deep bruising, open cuts/punctures exposing flesh. Evidence of live/dead insects internal or external.
Physiological Disorders	Evidence of onions with sprouts, with prominent greening or blotchy discolouration. Evidence of deep growth cracks.
Temperature Injury	Evidence of soft, water soaked outer scales.

E. Minor Defects	
Physical or Pest Damage	Evidence of pest damage. Evidence of skinning of papery outer skins exposing more than 1.5 sq. cm of flesh. Evidence of skin marks/blemish over more than 1.5 sq. cm of surface area. Evidence of dry mould spotting affecting more than 1.5 sq. cm of skin surface.
Skin marks or blemish	Evidence of superficial bruising/flat areas over more than 1.5 sq. cm of surface area

F. Labelling & Packaging Requirements <i>(Packaging must be clean &amp; sturdy – no damaged / recycled packaging accepted)</i>	
Packaging / Trade Measurement	Loose fill packed cardboard cartons. <b>Outer</b> - Net/bag <b>Pre-Pack</b> - Net (pack wt. specific). 1kg – 2kg If sold by weight, all pre-packs to weigh (gross) min of 2% above stated product wt. to allow for shrinkage. No underweight cartons.
Labelling	Each carton or sale unit of stock must be labelled, with the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grower's name &amp; address. Packer's name &amp; address (if different from grower details)</li> <li>• Supplier name (if different)</li> <li>• Product description</li> <li>• Count, size &amp; grade</li> <li>• Net pack weight (where applicable)</li> <li>• Lot identification (packed on date etc.)</li> <li>• Country Of Origin - <i>Labels/Packaging must comply with all aspects of ACCC legislation</i></li> <li>• DC delivery date (all bulk items)</li> <li>• Pack Type (weight &amp; count)</li> </ul>

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.
B.	Basic Quality Parameters	Product outside spec must not exceed <b>5%</b>	
D.	Major Defects	Product outside spec must not exceed <b>1%</b>	
E.	Minor Defects	Product outside spec must not exceed <b>5%</b>	
Total	B+D+E Combined	Total product outside spec must not exceed <b>8%</b>	