

## Produce Specification: Banana

### General Information:

This specification is for supply of Banana's into FSSI Produce DC, any variation to this must be approved by the FSSI Merchandise Manager for Produce

All suppliers/growers must be certified in one of the below.

NZGAP with Social Practice Add On  
GlobalGAP GRASP  
Sedex Smeta

### Appearance:

Fresh in appearance. Fully developed (mature), clean, dry, and sound. Shape of fruit must be true to variety. Size to be consistent within pack. Free from foreign smells or taste. Free from insects, parasites, and residues

### Colour Stage Requirements:

- From Green (stage 3-4) to Yellow (stage 4-5 ripe). Uniform colour within the box. As per customer request, picked to specification.
  - If Green (Stage 3-3.5) needs buyer approval unless on Stage 3 article. Need minimum of 16 degrees in this instance.
  - Recommended 3.5 to 4.0 in summer and 4.0 to 4.5 in winter.
- Colour stage picked according to the ripening guide as per stores request

### Colour Stages 1 - 7



### Temperature:

Optimum storage temperature is 12.5 degrees Celsius, and no more than 18 degrees Celsius

### Labelling

All crates / cartons must be labelled with: [06]

- Suppliers trading name.
- Suppliers trading address.
- Pack date
- Product name and/or Article Description
- Variety
- Count
- Grade
- Shipper Barcode
- GAP Number and GAP Name

### Crates and Bins:

If product is supplied in a Bin or Crate, bin and crate must be collapsible (unless otherwise stated) and be from an approved supplier.

**Defect List:**

**Unacceptable (0% tolerance on surface of fruit) – No fruit allowed.**

- Severe Chill damage, Severe physical damage, rough scarring. Rot/waste. Dirt Discolouration. Visible residues. Foreign smells. Excessive softness. Pests, insects.







**Major 5% tolerance on surface of fruit) –**

- Unhealed physical damage, Stem Rot and Latex Staining  
Healed light scarring (more than 5% of surface area). Pest damage over 10% of surface area.

**Minor 10% tolerance on surface of fruit) -**

- Light blemish (no more than 5% of surface area). Misshapen fruit.

**Photos Of Defects**

		
<b>Chill burn</b>	<b>Scarring</b>	<b>Rot</b>
		
<b>Stem Rot</b>	<b>Chill Damage</b>	<b>Split</b>

**Table of Articles**

Article	Description	Ripening Stage	Count	Packaging
4337892	BANANAS COLOUR 5 18KG IMPORT PURCHASE	Stage 5	18kg	Carton
3265871	BANANAS COLOUR 3 18KG IMPORT PURCHASE	Stage 3	18kg	Carton
4276182	BANANAS COLOUR 5 13KG IMPORT PURCHASE	Stage 5	13kg	Carton
4276952	BANANAS COLOUR 3 13KG IMPORT PURCHASE	Stage 3	13kg	Carton
3094349	BANANAS FAIR TRADE 850G EA IMPORT	Stage 4-5	18ct	Carton
3295918	BANANA FAIRTRADE ORG BUNCH IMPORT	Stage 4-5	18ct	Carton
3190838	BANANAS SNACK PACK EA IMPORT	Stage 4-5	22ct	Carton
3058981	BANANAS BOBBY 850G EA IMPORT	Stage 4-5	15ct	Carton