


Produce Specification: Asparagus Imported

General Information:
<p>This specification is for supply of Asparagus Imported into FSSI Produce DC, any variation to this must be approved by the FSSI Merchandise Manager for Produce</p> <p>All suppliers/growers must be certified in one of the below.</p> <p>NZGAP with Social Practice Add On GlobalGAP GRASP Sedex Smeta</p>
Shape:
<p>Straight stalks with compact spears; maximum of 10% curvature allowed.</p>
Overall Visual Appearance:
<p>Fresh in appearance. Fully developed (mature), clean, dry and sound. Shape must be true to variety. Size to be consistent within pack.</p>
Temperature:
<p>Optimum storage temperature is 2°C - 4°C</p>
Labelling
<p>All crates / cartons must be labelled with: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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:
<p>If product is supplied in a Bin or Crate, bin and crate must be collapsible (unless otherwise stated) and be from an approved supplier.</p>
Defect List:
<p>Unacceptable (2% - 5% tolerance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seedy / open heads. Cuts. Wilt and shrivel. Broken tips. Rot / waste. Visible residues. Foreign smells / taste. Pest / disease damage. Rubbery. Soiling. <p>Major (5% tolerance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unhealed physical damage (more than 5% of surface area). Healed light scarring (more than 5% of surface area). Pest damage over 5% of surface area. Light blemish / purple blush (more than 5% of surface area). <p>Minor (10% tolerance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light blemishes (less than 5% of surface area). Healed light scarring (less than 5% of surface area). Pest damage over 5% of surface area. Unhealed physical damage (less than 5% of surface area).

Photos Of Defects		
		
Woody/aged stem ends	Rotting stem ends	Chill burn
		
Shriveling stalks	Rotting spears on stem	Woody ends
		
Dry cracked ends	Shriveled stalks	Rotting ends and hollow stems.

Sizing Table		
Width		
Small	8 – 11mm	Preferred size for bunched
Medium	12 – 17mm	Preferred size for loose and bunched
Large	18 – 22mm	Preferred size for loose and bunched
X Large	23mm+	Not acceptable
Length		
All grades	190-240mm	10% tolerance in each bunch

Table of Articles

Article	Description	Size		Count	Packaging
3094115	ASPARAGUS LOOSE KG IMPORTED	Medium or Large		5kg	Crate
4237624	ASPARAGUS 150G EA IMPORT	Small, medium or large		20ct	Crate