Produce Specification: Asparagus NZ

General Information:

This specification is for supply of Asparagus 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

General Attributes:

Fresh in appearance. Fully developed (mature), clean, dry and sound. Shape must be true to variety. Size to be consistent within pack/crate. Spears to be rigid and generally straight. Minimum of 5 spears per bunch.

Sizing can vary throughout the season, product outside of sizing range may be accepted at FSSI buyer's discretion.

Temperature:

Optimum storage temperature: 2 - 4°C. Do not accept product over 8 °C.

Labelling:

All crates / cartons must be labelled with:

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

Prepacks are to have product visible, and be labelled with, at minimum, retail barcode, weight, best before date, and pack date.

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 (2% - 5% tolerance)

• Seedy / open heads. Cuts. Wilt and shrivel. Broken. tips. Rot / waste. Visible residues. Foreign smells / taste. Pests. Pest / disease damage. Rubbery. Soiling. Woodiness. Freezing damage.

Major (5% tolerance)

• 2% 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).

Minor (10% tolerance)

• Light blemish / purple blush (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

