

- free from abnormal external moisture;
- free of foreign smell or taste.

(b) The apples and pears must have been carefully picked and of a similar degree of maturity and colouring in the same line of produce. They must have matured sufficiently to complete the ripening process and able to withstand handling, storage and transport to meet the market requirements at the place of destination.

(c) The apples and pears must be of good quality and have characteristics typical of the particular variety and be free of defects which:

- (i) may significantly impair the general appearance or keeping quality of the fruit; or
- (ii) are likely to make the fruit unattractive to the purchaser.

(d) The flesh must be sound, but each fruit is permitted a slight defect of shape, development or colouring and skin defects of a superficial nature within the limits specified in the Second Schedule to this notice.

(e) The colouring criteria for apples and russet allowances for apples and pears are specified in the Second Schedule to this notice.

## 7. Provisions Concerning Sizing

(a) Sizing of apples and pears is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section. The difference in diameter of apples and pears in the same package shall not exceed 5 mm.

(b) The minimum diameter sizes of apples and pears for export shall be:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Apples:   | mm |
| Cox's Orange Pippin .. .. .                     | 55 |
| All other varieties .. .. .                     | 60 |
| Pears:  | mm |
| Large fruited varieties such as Williams' Bon   |    |
| Chretien and Packham's Triumph ..               | 55 |
| Elongated varieties such as Beurre Bosc         | 50 |
| Small fruited varieties such as Winter Cole and |    |
| Winter Nels .. .. .                             | 50 |

## 8. Packaging and Presentation

(a) Packaging and Presentation must be performed in accordance with general requirements of this Notice and with the specific requirements of the Third Schedule to this Notice.

(b) The contents of each package must be uniform and contain only apples or pears:

- (i) grown in the same region;
- (ii) of similar quality;
- (iii) of one variety true to name; and
- (iv) be of a similar degree of maturity.

(c) The apples and pears shall not be deceptively packed or stacked and must be packed in clean new packages suitable for transport and handling so that they will not be damaged in transit. Any paper or other material used inside the package must be new and harmless to human food. When printed material is used the printing must be on the outside only so as not to come into contact with the fruit. The fruit must be free of foreign bodies such as leaves and twigs.

## 9. Provisions Concerning Marking

Each package must bear the following particulars in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked and visible from the outside:

- Identification—registered mark of grower of packing establishment and New Zealand Apple and Pear Marketing Board identification;
- Nature of produce—kind and variety;

—Country of origin—New Zealand;

—Packing date code—registering the date of packing;

—Commercial specification—grade, count or size.

Labels, if used, must not be less than 40 square centimetres.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### Definition of Terms

'Clean' means free from dirt, dust, insect stains or other foreign substance or material;

'Count' means the number of fruit contained in any package;

'To pack' means to arrange fruit regularly and compactly in a package so that they are not loose or compressed to an extent likely to cause damage to the fruit during handling or transport;

'Package' includes any portable receptacle in which fruit are cased, covered, enclosed, contained or packed;

*Note:* for apples and pears packed for export; 'package' means a traycarton, single tray or bulk bin; 'tray carton' means a New Zealand apple or pear carton supplied by the Board and consists of the standard apple traycarton, heavy duty apple traycarton, standard pear traycarton and Beurre Bosc carton.

'Sound' means free from decay, rots, overmaturity, breakdown, freezing injury, damage and similar defects which may cause rapid loss of condition or rapid decay;

'Storage defects' means decay, storage scald, fungal rots, wilt, or other injury to fruit as a result of storage.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### 1. Allowance for Skin Defects

Other than the Granny Smith variety of apples each apple and pear is allowed skin defects with the following limits, provided that the aggregate area of all defects, when two or more are present, shall not exceed 1 square centimetre:

(a) Skin blemish and defects of a superficial nature caused by limb or leaf rub, hail or similar causes provided that the total area affected does not exceed 1 square centimetre.

For the Granny Smith variety, the total number of apples with skin blemish and defects in any one carton packed for export shall not exceed 75%.

(b) Spots or speckles of a superficial nature caused by spray, lenticel spot, or similar causes provided that the total area affected does not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  square centimetre.

(c) Superficial healed shallow cracks, scars, or similar defects of an elongated nature permitted in the stem cavity only provided the total length does not exceed 1 centimetre.

### 2. Colouring Criteria for Apples

(a) Each apple of each variety is required to display on the surface of each fruit, the minimum percentage of full characteristic red colour listed against the variety in the following table.

| Variety   | Minimum Colour Percentage |
|---|---------------------------|
| <i>Solid Reds</i>   |                           |
| Premier Red:  | 75                        |
| Oregon Red, Red Chief, authorised blocks of Harold Red with bold stripes on red background. |                           |
| Red Delicious:  |                           |
| Block Red .. .. .   | 60                        |
| Bold Stripe .. .. .   | 100                       |
| or a combination of both.   |                           |
| Democrat, Red Dougherty, Red Jonathan, Richared, Regal and all other solid reds             | 50                        |