

CUCUMBER (TELEGRAPH)

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dirt, dust, insect stains or other foreign substances.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Evenness of girth.		
Sizing	40>mm diameter.		
Condition	Not soft, flabby, shriveled or yellowing.		
Package branding	Length to be marked on each package; each fruit being equal size. 25-30cm (10-12"), 30-35cm (12-14"), 35-40cm (14-16"), 40cm plus (16" plus)		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour	Full green colour	Lighter green colour accepted	
Shape	Predominately straight and uniform	Bending, non-uniform diameter accepted	
Length	>250mm (10")	>200mm (8")	
Maximum diameter variation	<10% variance in any package	<30% variance in any package	
Firmness	Firm	Firm	
Shrink wrapping smooth, clear, high clarity wrap	Wrapped <10% variance maximum blow hole diameter 15mm	Wrapped <30% variance	
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Blemish	Nil	<1.0sq cm area per fruit	
Bruising	Nil	Nil	
Cuts, punctures	Nil	<0.5cm aggregate length	