MELONS

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dirt, dust, insect stains or other foreign substances.		
Shape	Typical of variety. Slight variation permitted.		
Sizing	<30% variation by weight in any one container.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Ground and marking	<15% of surface	<15% of surface	<25% of surface
Sizing	1.2 to 1.8kgs per fruit	800grammes to 2.0kgs per fruit	800grammes to 2.0kgs per fruit
Stems	Cut flush and painted	Cut flush and painted	Variable length accepted
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Cracks (unhealed)	Nil	Nil	<1.0cm on <10% of fruit
Firmness	No softening at apex	<10% slightly soft at apex	<30% slightly soft at apex
Rots/Decay	Nil	Nil	Nil
Blemish			
Raised	Nil	<10.sq cm, <3mm in height	<3.0sq cm, <3mm in height
Not raised	<1.0sq cm	<2.0sq cm	<4.0sq cm
Cracks (dry)	Nil	Nil	<1.0cm