

## TOMATOES

Product Requirements			
Cleanliness	Free from dirt, dust, insect stains or other foreign substances (including spray residue). Must be washed.		
Scope	Greenhouse tomatoes excluding acid free and cocktail.		
Sizing standard	Five sizes (by diameter) being: 70 mm+, 60-69 mm, 50-59 mm, 40-49 mm and <40 mm, or by buyer specification.		
Maturity	Capable of completing ripening process after harvesting.		
Colour	1/4, 1/2, 3/4, coloured as defined by Fresh Tomato Sector, NZ Vegetable and Potato Growers Federation.		
Grade Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Colour	Superior uniformity	Good uniformity	Some variation accepted
Shape	Well formed, true to variety	Well formed, true to variety	Moderately well formed
Hollow/flat sides	Nil	<10%	Accepted
Uniformity	Superior shape uniformity	Good shape uniformity	Some unevenness accepted
Firmness (@ 3/4 colour+)	Superior firmness (Doesn't yield to palm pressure)	Firm (Slight yield to palm pressure)	Slight softening in some fruit accepted
Calyxes	Totally intact or totally removed	<5% allowance for variance	<10% allowance for variance
Defect Allowances	Tag 1	Tag 2	Tag 3
Blemish	<0.25sq cm per fruit and <10% per pack	<0.5sq cm per fruit and <10% per pack	<1.0sq cm per fruit
Cuts, punctures, dry splits	Nil	Nil	No wet cuts. Dry cuts <1.0cm aggregate length
Calyx damage	Nil	<5% per pack	Damage accepted
Bruising, soft patches	Nil	<1.0sq cm	<2.0sq cm
Blotch	Nil	<5% of fruit per pack with <1.0sq cm per fruit	Accepted
Decay, disease, sun scald	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hard core	Nil	<5%	<10%