

BLUEBERRY

Grade Standards

fruit for thought

blueberries
NEW ZEALAND



MAJOR COSMETIC DEFECTS

Pests

Allowance: Nil

Check maximum pest limits (MPLs): Importing country requirements differ therefore classification of the pest (actionable or non actionable) and MPLs can vary.

It is best to treat all pests as actionable.

A pest found prior to export may mean the consignment cannot be exported or if found in the importing country, consignment destruction may result.

Disease

Allowance: Nil

Includes crushed berries which may turn into rots and the diseases anthracnose and botrytis. Maximum Quality Limit (MQL) = 1%

NB: Adhering flower remnants are symptoms of dormant Botrytis. Once in storage this disease can develop rapidly.

Other Cosmetic Defects

Allowance: Nil

Examples: cuts, splits, cracks, hail damage, frost damage.

Caterpillar Damage



Split Fruit



Thrip Damage



Botrytis



Anthracnose



Guignardia vaccinii



Other



MINOR COSMETIC DEFECTS

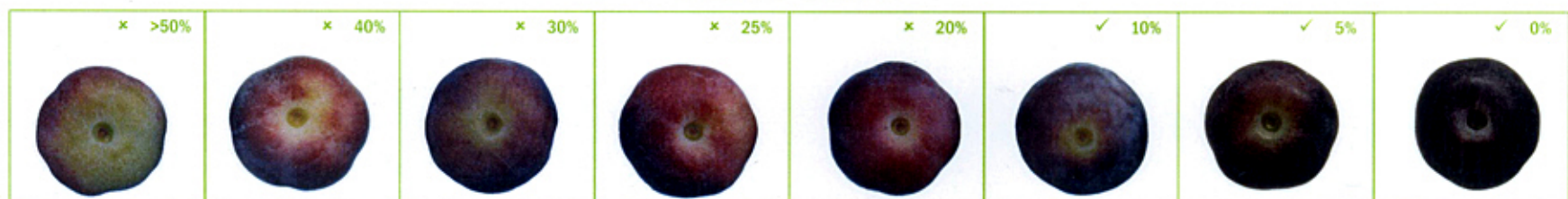
Colour

Allowance: An immature berry is defined as having 20 percent or greater of the berry surface red/purple. Fruit must be a uniform blue, in accordance with the varietal characteristics.

Exemption

Delite Allowance: This variety is acceptable with a purple/blue hue colour over the entire berry. It must not be bright red and obviously immature.

Colour Guide



Colour Guide "Delite"

