

QUALITY STANDARD for LEMONS (*Citrus limon*)

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Lemon(Eng), Citron(Franc.), Limon(Esp.), Zitronen(Deutsch)



PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

1. Name of packer and/or dispatcher.
2. The indication "LEMONS" if produce is not visible from the outside.
3. The indication "VERDELLI" and "PRIMOFIORE", where appropriate.
4. Origin of produce (country, nation, region...)
5. Classes: "Extra" Class; Class I; Class II.
6. Size code for fruit presented in accordance with the size scale and number of fruit, in the case of fruit arranged in layers in the package.
7. When used, mention of the preserving or additive agents.
8. BNDOO code (national databank of fruit and vegetable operators).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The lemons must be: intact, sound, clean, free from damage caused by frost, bruising and/or extensive healed over cuts, any foreign smell and/or taste, all abnormal external moisture. Produce must be practically free of any visible foreign matter. However, a presentation where a short (not wooden) twig with some green leaves adheres to the fruit is allowed.

Minimum juice content

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| a. VERDELLI and PRIMOFIORE LEMONS : | 20% |
| b. Other varieties: | 25% |

Colouring

Fruits with a green (but not dark green) colour are allowed provided they satisfy the minimum requirements as to juice content.

QUALITY TOLERANCES IN THE SAME PACKAGE

"Extra" Class: 5% by number or weight of lemons not satisfying the requirements of the class, but meeting those of Class I.

Class I: 10% by number or weight of lemons not satisfying the requirements of the class, but meeting those of Class II.

Class II: 10% by number or weight of lemons satisfying neither the requirements of the class nor the minimum requirements, with the exception of produce affected by rotting or any other deterioration rendering it unfit for consumption.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section of the fruit.

mm	SIZE CODE	mm	SIZE CODE
83 and above	0	58 - 67	4
72 - 83	1	53 - 62	5
68 - 78	2	48 - 57	6
63 - 72	3	45 - 52	7

The minimum size allowed is **45 mm** for all classes.

For fruits arranged in the same package, the size tolerance must not exceed **7 mm**.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

1. Arranged in regular layers in packages for the "Extra" Class.
2. In individual packages for direct sale to the consumer of a weight less than **5 kg**.
3. Some green leaves attached to a short (not wooden) twig are allowed, provided the lot has got a "plant passport" (plant health control).