

QUALITY STANDARD for TABLE GRAPES

(*Vitis vinifera*)

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Table grapes (Eng), Raisin de table (Franç.), Uva de mesa (Esp.), Tafeltraube (Deutsch)



PROVISIONS REGARDING MARKING

1. Name of packer and/or dispatcher.
2. The indication "TABLE GRAPES" if produce is not visible from the outside.
3. Name of the variety.
4. Origin of produce (country, nation, region...).
5. Classes: "Extra" Class; Class I; Class II.
6. BNDOO code (national databank of fruit and vegetable operators).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Bunches and berries must be: sound, clean, free from pests and damage caused by pests, free from mould, any foreign smell and/or taste, abnormal external moisture. In addition, berries must be: intact, well formed and normally developed. The juice of the berries shall have a refractometric index of at least:

- 12° Brix for the A. Lavallée, Cardinal and Victoria varieties
- 13° Brix for all other seeded varieties
- 14° Brix for all seedless varieties.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by the weight of the bunch.

Minimum size requirements per bunch are as follows:

	Grapes grown under glass	Open grown grapes	
		Large-berry varieties	Small-berry varieties
Extra Class	300 g	200 g	150 g
Class I	250 g	150 g	100 g
Class II	150 g	100 g	75 g

Size tolerances:

"Extra" Class and Class I: 10% by weight of bunches not satisfying the minimum size requirements of the class but meeting those of the class immediately below.

Class II: 10% by weight of bunches not satisfying the size requirements of the class but weighing not less than 75 g. In each consumer package not exceeding 1 kg net weight, one bunch weighing less than 75 g is allowed to adjust the weight.

Uniformity

The contents of each package must be uniform and contain only bunches of the same origin, variety, quality and degree of ripeness.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

The table grapes must be packed in such a way as to protect the produce properly.

In the case of the "Extra" Class, the bunches must be packed in a single layer and must be uniform in colouring and size.

The visible part of the contents of the package must be representative of the entire contents.

In the case of table grapes packed in small consumer packages of a net weight not exceeding 1 kg, one bunch weighing less than 75 g is allowed; uniformity of variety and origin is not required.

QUALITY TOLERANCES IN THE SAME PACKAGE

"Extra" Class: 5% by weight of bunches not satisfying the requirements of the class but meeting those of Class I.

Class I: 10% by weight of bunches not satisfying the requirements of the class but meeting those of Class II.

Class II: 10% by weight of bunches 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.