

EXPORT QUALITY MILD ONION SPECIFICATION

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| 1. PRODUCT | Fresh Mild Onion <i>allium cepa</i> | ORIGIN: Australia |
| 2. QUALITY SPECIFICATION | Sound golden onions. Low acid to brix ratio. No breakdown, live or dead insects, diseases or soil. Cured for at least ten days after harvest. Full skins. Dry and tight in the neck with no sign of neck breakdown. All roots removed without bulb damage. Neck cut to allow bulb to close up during curing. No onions that have flowered or onions that have been rained on within three weeks before harvest. | |
| 4. PACKAGING | Standard 20kg red net branded bags packed with 20.5kg net product. Medium and Large colour coded printed bag tickets placed in bag last facing out before closing. Stacked neat and tight 5 bags x 11 layers high on two-way new timber export pallets then webbing wrapped. Medium size only on pallets marked Medium and Large size only on pallets marked Large. Medium and Large Pallets colour coded with spray paint dot. Stacked to avoid overhang of onion bags during packing of container. Alternatively onions can be packed in cardboard cartons. | |
| 5. PACKING | Load each pallet of 55 bags into container then carefully stack 5 bags loose on top of each pallet. Alternate the direction of each pallet 90° to enable pallets to fit into the container. 20 pallets to 40' container. Alternatively load cartonised product prestacked in same pallet configuration. | |
| 6. QUALITY ASSURANCE | Product to be packed according to specification stated here and as further defined in the quality grading guidelines. | |
| 7. LABELLING | Branded outer bag. 110mm wide x 150mm deep printed colour bag ticket. Yellow for Large and Green for Medium. Ticket to be placed in the bag at filling to face out wards ensuring the ticket can be read. Ticket to identify the product, exporter, packer and net weight. | |
| 8. SIZES | Onions to be graded into Medium 70-80mm diameter and Large 80-90mm diameter. 90mm plus onions also available. | |