# Produce Specification: Eggplant (Aubergine)

## **General Information:**

This specification is for supply of Eggplant (Aubergine) into FSSI Produce DC, any variation to this must be approved by the FSSI Merchandise Manager for Produce

All suppliers/growers must be certified in one of the below.

NZGAP with Social Practice Add On GlobalGAP GRASP Sedex Smeta

#### Shape:

Cylindrical, can be slightly bent or curved

## **Overall Visual Appearance:**

Fresh in appearance - Fruit must be glossy, blemish-free skin, which is firm to the touch and shows no signs of withering. Fully developed (mature), clean, dry and sound. Shape of fruit must be true to variety. Eggplants should be heavy in relation to size. Size must be consistent within crate.

#### Temperature:

Optimum Storage Temperature is 10°c -12°c.

Temperature on Arrival 7°c -15°c.

Temperatures below 7°c will cause chill damage.

# Labelling

All crates / cartons must be labelled with:

- Suppliers trading name.
- Suppliers trading address.
- Pack date
- Product name and/or Article Description
- Variety
- Count
- Grade
- Shipper Barcode
- GAP Number and GAP Name

#### Crates and Bins:

If product is supplied in a Bin or Crate, bin and crate must be collapsible (unless otherwise stated) and be from an approved supplier.

## **Defect List:**

# Unacceptable (0% tolerance)

• Chill damage, physical damage, rough scarring. Rot/waste Dirt. Discolouration, Visible residues, foreign smells. Softness/Dehydration, Pests, insects. (Decay appears as dark brown spots on the surface and eggplants will deteriorate rapidly)

