

## Table grapes – note to interpret the UNECE/EU marketing standard

This note has been agreed internationally to explain some areas of the marketing standard that are not clear. It also gives information about defects that are not in the marketing standard. It does not cover all the requirements, you can read these in the marketing standard on GOV.UK.

<b>Defect</b>	<b>Extra Class</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class II</b>	<b>GMS Limit*</b>
<b>Cleanliness</b>	Fine visible foreign matter allowed.			
<b>Sampling</b>	Assess Class of each bunch using common sense on the overall quality (that is, ignore a few defective berries). Recorded sample analysis should show weight of bunches in each class.			
<b>Maturity</b>	Apply maturity levels (Brix) as indicated in the Specific Marketing Standard.			
<b>Deterioration</b>	None.	1 or 2 isolated decaying berries on bunches are allowed, ignore a few berries falling from the stalk.	A few isolated rotten berries are allowed, the size of the bunch and number of berries should be taken into account. Nests of rot are out of grade/non compliant.	
<b>Berry drop</b>	None.	10% of berries may drop from the bunch if the characteristic shape is retained. This is in addition to the 10% tolerance for other defects.	10% of berries may drop from the bunch if this does not cause a severe defect of shape. This is in addition to the 10% tolerance for other defects.	Loose berries are allowed if the berries are not suffering from deterioration.
<b>Shape – berries</b>	No defects allowed.	Berries with flattened sides due to tight bunch are allowed. Severely deformed berries are not allowed.		Shape defects are allowed.
<b>Millerandage (small stunted berries)</b>	None.	A few berries are allowed if the overall appearance of the bunch is not affected.	Allowed if the bunch retains essential characteristics and remains reasonable quality.	Allowed.
<b>Freshness of stem</b>	Must be fresh.	Ignore shrivelled stem if berries appear firm, fresh and firmly attached.		Ignore shrivelled stem if berries appear fresh.



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<b>Sulphur damage</b>	If berries are affected by slight bleaching with no other symptoms they can be left in Class II and recorded as a colour defect. If berries are affected by taint, smell, taste or severe bleaching (usually from stem end) then bunches are out of grade/non compliant.			

SMS regulated

Table grapes.

GMS regulated

Vitis labrusca, loose berries in pre-pack.

\*Table grapes do not meet the requirements of the specific marketing standard (SMS) can still be sold for home processing if they meet the sound, fair and marketable requirements of the general marketing standard. They must be labelled 'for home processing', but must not be labelled with an SMS class.