



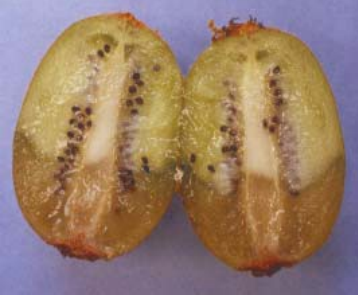


Kiwi fruit – note to interpret the UNECE/EU marketing standard

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.

Defect	Extra Class	Class I	Class II	GMS Limit *
Cleanliness sooty mould	None.	None.	Slight traces of sooty mould allowed within the blemish area (2cm ² or less). 	Slight soiling allowed but no heavy deposits.
Hayward marks	None.	One Hayward mark, up to half the length of the fruit is allowed.	Several Hayward marks allowed up to the length of the fruit, with slight protuberance (protrusion).	Hayward marks allowed, with protuberance (protrusion).
Pest scale insect	None.	1 or 2 insects allowed. 	A few isolated insects allowed. Any clusters are out of grade. 	Not more than 10 insects allowed.

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Water soaking	Out of grade. This is a non compliant defect characterised by a distinct tide mark around the fruit.			
				
Water Staining	Skin defect only, ignore unless noticeably contrasting then downgrade to Class II.			Allowed.

SMS Regulated Golden kiwi, Chinese red varieties.
 GMS Regulated Actinidia arguta baby kiwi or kiwi berries.

* Kiwi fruit that does 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.