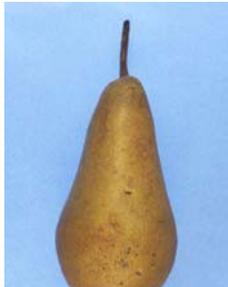




Pears – note to interpret the UNECE/EU marketing standard

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 *
Bruise	None.	Slight 1cm ² or less allowed with no discolouration.	2cm ² or less allowed.	Bruise allowed if 2.5cm ² or less and not breaking down.
Grittiness and hail damage	Grittiness refers to stony pit and not the natural characteristics of variety of the flesh.			
	None.	None.	2 or 3 shallow pits allowed.	Several slight shallow pits allowed, if consumption is not affected.
Rough russet	None.	Very slight 1cm ² or less in area allowed or 2cm or less in length. 	Allowed if 2.5cm ² or less in area or 4cm or less in length. 	Allowed.
Scab	None.	Allowed if 0.25cm ² or less.	Allowed if 1cm ² or less.	Allowed if 2cm ² or less.



Defect	Extra class	Class I	Class II	GMS limit *
Shape, frost damage	None.	None.	1 or 2 shallow furrows allowed.	Shallow furrows allowed.
Shrivel	None.	Allowed if very slight at base of stalk.	Slight visible shrivel allowed.	Slight shrivel allowed, if fruit remains firm.
Stalk punctures	None.	1 shallow and healed allowed.	Not more than 2 allowed. Must be shallow and dry with no deterioration.	Punctures allowed if dry with no deterioration.
Skin defects	Very slight superficial allowed.	1cm ² or less allowed.	2.5cm ² or less allowed.	Allowed if consumption is not affected.

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Asian: nashi, ya sand fragrant pears

*Pears that 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.