



BRISBANE MARKET PRODUCE SURVEYORS

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SURVEY / INSPECTION REPORT

CLIENT	SAMPLE
CONTACT	XXXXXXXXXX
SURVEY NO	XXXXXXXXXX
COMMODITY/VOLUME	44x 1/2 Ton Bins Jap Pumpkin
CLASS/SIZE	Not Marked
BRANDS	Not Marked
DATE OF ARRIVAL	XXXXXXXXXX
DATE OF INSPECTION	XXXXXXXXXX
INSPECTION TIME	Total: 2.5 Hrs 0
INSPECTION LOCATION	XXXXXXXXXX

BACKGROUND: On Thursday XXXXXXXX we were contacted by XXXXXXXX from XXXXXXXX requesting a survey on a load of Jap Pumpkin which had apparently been subjected to damage prior to arrival. XXXXXXXX attended the premises located at XXXXXXXX, Brisbane Markets at approximately XXXXXXXX and found the consignment already unloaded and stored at the rear of the selling floor. The produce was packed in half ton fibreboard bins, stacked two high and separated from other consignments. Majority of the bins were relatively clean and dry, however there were a number of damaged, failing and collapsed bins found. I am advised that this consignment arrived earlier in the day, when during unloading, it was found to contain damage to some bins and product. At this time, Owen also noticed some fibreboard bin fragments and Pumpkins that had been re-packed into plastic re-usable bins. Photographs were taken at the time and notes were made.

SURVEY FINDINGS: On Friday XXXXXXXX at approximately XXXXam XXXXXXXX attended the premises at XXXXXXXX, Brisbane Markets to conduct a thorough examination and investigate the issue. The consignment was found in the same location and appeared to be untouched. There was significant damage to six fibreboard bins with three found to have totally collapsed. There was failure and minor damage to 11 bins and minor failure on the corners and sides of 5 bins. Majority of the damage was confined to the bottom bins especially the severely damaged. In our opinion, some of the top bins were found to be over-full.

A thorough examination of the lot revealed the presence of major and minor faults. There was a low to medium level of fresh wounds, predominately at the tops of the bottom bins, a low to medium level of bruising, low level of healed wounds, low level of sunburn and pale Pumpkins and a low to medium level of rub marks. Sizing was variable throughout the consignment and throughout individual bins with a medium to high level of small Pumpkins present. There were also heavy soil deposits on a significant number of Pumpkins throughout the consignment. The fresh wounds ranged from slight skin damage to deep splits, cuts and gouges. Although these defects were found in majority of the bins examined, the level of severity varied throughout. The fresh wounds, bruising and rub marks are consistent with poor and/or rough handling and detract from the overall appearance and salability of the line. The presence of soil and variable sizing also detracts from the quality of the line.

On Wednesday XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX attended the premises at XXXXXXXX. He was advised that some of the Pumpkins had been sorted and re-packed. Of the ones sorted, he was advised that there was approximately 50% considered acceptable.

CONCLUSIONS: The initial findings of this survey indicate that majority of the damage has occurred in the bottom bins. In their present condition, this line may not be suitable for its intended purpose and would not attract any of the major buyers in the market. Refurbishment is advisable, and if considered economical, would provide the best outcome. Pumpkins that are sorted into good quality may still require monitoring as they have been subjected to unfavourable conditions and may not yet show the affects. Pumpkins that are considered not suitable may be offered to less discerning buyers on a no claims basis if any can be found. Any Pumpkins considered totally unsaleable may need to be disposed of after verification and documentation.

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