

Fresh Products Branch Bulletin

FPB 02-2
01/30/02

IDENTIFYING TOMATOES FROM FLORIDA WITH PLI MARKS THAT ARE NOT CERTIFIED FOR STANDARD WEIGHT AND THAT ARE PRODUCER FIELD-PACKED TOMATOES

I. Purpose

This bulletin identifies Positive Lot Identification (PLI) markings for Florida tomatoes that are not certified for standard weight and Florida tomatoes that are producer field-packed.

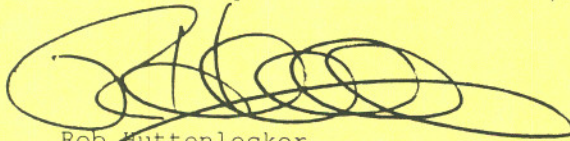
II. Background

Prior to the 2001-2002 Florida tomato season, the Marketing Order for Florida tomatoes was revised. The impact on the inspection service was to add a designation to the PLI marks so that such lots can be identified at terminal markets. The following provides an explanation and identifies the PLI designations:

- (1) Yellow flesh tomatoes and one- and two-layer place-packed tomatoes are exempt from container standard weight requirements at shipping point. However, all other requirements of the Marketing Order must be met. **To better identify the exempted lots, the designation of "C" will be added to the PLI numbering scheme, and will be referenced such as "USDA/FL 123 AA/C" or "USDA/FL 123 AA-C" for example.**
- (2) Producer-field packed tomatoes are picked and place-packed in new containers in the field by a producer and transferred to a registered handler's facility for further preparation for market. These tomatoes must meet all requirements of the Marketing Order for Florida tomatoes with two exceptions: (a) the tomatoes must be turning or higher color at the time of inspection; and (b) the tomatoes may be 2-17/32 inch minimum (with no maximum) only if containers are marked "6x6 and larger." **To better identify these lots, the designation of "F" will be added to the PLI numbering scheme, and will be referenced such as "USDA/FL 123 AA/F" or "USDA/FL 123 AA-F" for example.**

For purposes of determining size on producer-field packed tomatoes, those marked "6x6 and larger" will be considered as meeting Marketing Order requirements if undersize does not exceed the off-size tolerance for the minimum 6x6 size. No maximum size is required.

Questions pertaining to this Bulletin should be directed to the Field Operation Section on (202) 720-2482



Rob Huttenlocker
Acting Branch Chief

Distribution: HQ, FM, FS, FPM, CM and EM
Originating Office: Field Operations Section
File Maintenance Instructions: File in Bulletin Binder

CARRIER OR LOT IDENTIFICATION			Loading		Applicant		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE	
L O 1 2 3			Loaded - LO		Test Certificate		INSPECTION CERTIFICATE K - 2345678-9	
PREFIX NUMBER STATE			Pty Unld - PU Unloaded - UL Lot Insp - LI		Address: Washington DC			
Carrier / Lot ID Stated by Applicant			Additional Lot ID		Shipper: Cucumbers Growers Inc		m m d d y y hour min A/P 0 7 0 2 0 5 0 6 1 5 A M	
Carrier Type / Name					Address: Cucumberville FL			
Refrigeration Unit			Doors		Insp. Site: Applicant's Warehouse			
<input type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off			<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed					



LOT	TEMPERATURES	Product:	Brand / Markings:	Origin	Lot ID:	Number of Containers:	Insp count
A.	43 to 46 °F	Cucumbers	"Cucumber Express" US No 1	F L	1 1/9 bu	840 Cartons	Y
B.	44 to 45 °F	Cucumbers	"Cucumber Express" US No 1 Large	F L	1 1/9 bu	460 Cartons	Y
C.	/ to / °F	/	/	/ /	/	/	/
D.	/ to / °F	/	/	/ /	/	/	/

O T	AVERAGE DEFECTS				including DAMAGE SER. DAM.				including SER. DAM. V.S. Damage				OFFSIZE / DEFECTS	OTHER
	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%		
	00	%	00	%									Quality Defects	Size
	00	%	00	%									Decay	Lot A: 1 7/8 to 2 1/2 inches diameter,
	00	%	00	%									Check Sum	5 3/4 to 8 1/2 inches length,
														offsize within tolerance
	06	%	00	%									Undersize less than 2 1/4 inches diameter (0 to 11%)	Lot B: 1 7/8 to 2 3/4 inches diameter,
	03	%	00	%									Undersize less than 6 inches length (0 to 6%)	5 1/2 to 8 1/2 inches length
	00	%	00	%									Quality Defects	
	-1/2	%	-1/2	%									Decay	
	09	%	00	%									Check Sum	
		%		%										
		%		%										
		%		%										
		%		%										
		%		%										

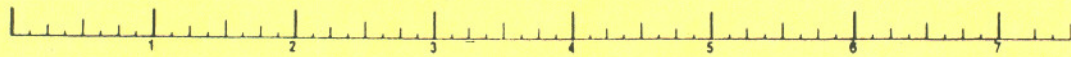
GRADE: **Lot A: US No 1** **Lot B: Fails to grade US No 1 Large account Undersize**

REMARKS:

WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.	I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that at the request of the applicant and on the date indicated, samples of the herein described product were inspected and the quality and/or condition as shown by said samples were as herein stated Inspector's Signature <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Joe Q Inspector</div>	ESTIMATED TOTAL <hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>
	Market Office: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Headquarters</div>	

FORM FV-300 (10-90) Replaces FV-303 (4-86) and FV-396 (1-90) which are obsolete

A: NUMBER		SIZE	UNIT	DETECT
GRADE		ACCOUNT	COOKER	
B: NUMBER		SIZE	UNIT	DETECT
GRADE		ACCOUNT	COOKER	
C: NUMBER		SIZE	UNIT	DETECT
GRADE		ACCOUNT	COOKER	
D: NUMBER		SIZE	UNIT	DETECT
GRADE		ACCOUNT	COOKER	
APPLICANT NUMBER: 21				
CARRIER LOT IDENTIFICATION: FT 12005 IPA				
LOADING: Loaded - LO, Pallet - PU, Unloaded - UL, Lot Insp. - LI				
INSPECTION NOTESHEET U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE FRUIT & VEGETABLE DIVISION				
CERTIFICATE NUMBER: T-3456789-0				
INSPECTION STARTED: 07/05/05 1:01:00 AM				
INSPECTION COMPLETED: 07/05/05 1:20:05 PM				
APPLICANT: Test Applicant				
ADDRESS: Washington DC				
SHIPPER: The Tomato Queen				
ADDRESS: Cedarville NJ				
INSPECTION SITE: Applicant Store				
CARRIER NO. STATED BY: Inspector				
ADDITIONAL LOT ID: Po 1492				
CARRIER TYPE/NAME: Mec Ref Trailer				
REFRIGERATION UNIT: ON OFF OPEN				
DOORS: OPEN				
CONDITION OF CARRIER:				
PRODUCT: A: Tomatoes				
BRANDS / MARKS: "The Tomato Queen"				
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 800 cartons				
TEMPERATURES: 50-54				
PRODUCT: B: Tomatoes				
BRANDS / MARKS: same as "A"				
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons				
TEMPERATURES: 51-55				
PRODUCT: C: Tomatoes				
BRANDS / MARKS: same as "A"				
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons				
TEMPERATURES: 52-56				
PRODUCT: D: Plum Tomatoes				
BRANDS / MARKS: "Romas Everywhere"				
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS: 200 cartons				
TEMPERATURES: 53-57				
CONDITION OF LOAD & CONTAINERS: () STACKED ON PALLETS AT ABOVE LOCATION (X) INTACT THROUGH LOAD () PARTLY UNLOADED				
2 pallets wide 8 layers				



A B C D

PACK WF SIZE Meets size as marked	PACK WF SIZE 2 x 1 1/2 3/4" dia Fails mtg requirements	PACK WF SIZE Fails meet size as marked	PACK WF SIZE 1 to 2 1/4" dia
---	--	--	---------------------------------------

SCORE SHEET

PLI Number	Other ID	TEMP	Sample #	K			DK	Q	LXL	
				B	P	R				
A	None	XL	54	47	C	C	47	0	2 1/2	2 1/2
	None	XL	51	51	C	C	51	0	3 1/2	3 1/2
	None	XL	54	54	C	C	54	0	2 1/2	1
	None	XL	50	50	C	C	50	0	0	3
	None	XL	50	52	C	C	52	0	5 3/4	C
	None	XL	49	49	C	C	49	0	3 1/2	C
	None	XL	55	55	C	C	55	0	2 1/2	2
	None	XL	53	53	C	C	53	0	2 1/2	1
				(X)	(X)	(100)	(X)	(5 3/4)	(3)	
B	None	6x6	51	74	O	C	72	2	3 1/2	5 1/2
	None	6x6	54	77	C	O	76	1	2 1/2	2 1/4 - 3
	None	6x6	55	50	C	O	49	1	2 1/2	2 1/2 - 3 1/4
				(X)	(X)	(100)	(2)	(4 1/2)		
C	None	5x6	52	46	O	O	44	0	2 1/2	2 1/2
	None	5x6	56	51	O	O	51	0	3 1/2	6
	None	5x6	55	52	O	O	52	0	3 1/2	7
				(X)	(X)	(100)	(X)	(5 1/2)	(6)	
									(13)	
									(12-14)	
D	None	-	54	100	O	O	97	3	0	size
	None	-	57	50	O	O	48	2	0	1 1/4
	None	-	53	50	O	O	49	1	0	1 1/4 - 2 1/4
				(X)	(X)	(95)	(3)	(X)		

REMARKS / RESTRICTIONS / SPI

Inspection performed during process of unloading
size on lot D reported at applicants request

CARLOT Basis: <u>Example</u>	REPORTED TO: <u>Bill</u>	INSPECTED BY: <u>Joe Q Inspector</u>
HOURLY Basis: _____	DATE: <u>7/5</u> TIME: <u>12:00</u>	ASSISTED BY: _____
TRAVEL Time: _____	REQUESTED BY: _____	DATE: _____ TIME: _____
EXPENSES: _____		
EST. TOTAL: _____		

CARRIER OR IDENTIFICATION	PREFIX: FT NUMBER: 2005 STATE: NJ	Loading Loaded - LO Ptlly Unld - PU Unloaded - UL Lot Insp - LI	Applicant: Inspection Certificate Address: Washington DC	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE K - 3456789-0
Carrier / Lot ID Stated by:	Additional Lot ID:	Shipper:	m m d d y y hour min A/P 0 7 0 5 0 5 1 0 1 0 A M	
Carrier Type / Name:	Refrigeration Unit:	Insp. Site:		
Mechanically Refrigerated Trailer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed	Applicant's Store		



LOT	TEMPERATURES	Product:	Brand / Markings:	Origin	Lot ID: SIZE	Number of Containers:	Insp count
A.	50 to 54 °F	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	XL	800 Cartons	Y
B.	51 to 55 °F	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	6X6	200 Cartons	Y
C.	52 to 56 °F	Tomatoes	"Tomato Queen" 25 lbs	N J	FMO 5X6	200 Cartons	Y
D.	53 to 57 °F	Plum Tomatoes	"Romas Everywhere" 25 lbs	N J	-----	200 Cartons	Y

L O T	AVERAGE DEFECTS					including DAMAGE SER. DAM.		including SER. DAM. V.S. Damage		OFFSIZE / DEFECTS	OTHER
		%		%		%		%			
A.	05	%	02	%	00	%	00	%	Quality Defects (Scars, not fairly well formed)	SIZE	
	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	Decay	Lot A: Meets size as marked,	
	05	%	02	%	00	%	00	%	Checksum	Undersize within tolerance	
B.	04	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	Quality Defects (Scars, catfaces)	Lot B: 2- 1/4 to 3- 1/4 inches diameter	
	02	%	02	%	02	%	02	%	Decay (Early Stages)		
	06	%	02	%	02	%	02	%	Check Sum	Lot C: Fails to meet size as marked	
C.	13	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	Undersize (Less than 2- 25/32 inch diameter) (12 to 14%)	Lot D: 1 to 2-1/4 inches diameter	
	05	%	01	%	00	%	00	%	Quality Defects (Scars, not fairly well formed)		
	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	Decay		
	18	%	01	%	00	%	00	%	CheckSum	COLOR: Average Approximately	
D.	00	%	00	%	00	%	00	%	Quality	Lots A, B & C: 100% Light Red to Red	
	03	%	03	%	03	%	03	%	Decay (Early Stages)	Lot D: 95% Light Red to Red Color	
	03	%	03	%	03	%	03	%	Check Sum		

GRADE: **Lot A: US No 1** | **Lot B: US No 1- Fails to meet marking requirements as to size**
Lot C: US No 1 Fails to meet size as marked | **Lot D US No 1**

REMARKS: **Inspection Performed during process of unloading. Lot D: Size reported at applicants request**

WARNING: Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.	I, the undersigned, a duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby certify that at the request of the applicant and on the date indicated, samples of the herein described product were inspected and the quality and/or condition as shown by said samples were as herein stated Inspector's Signature <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Joe Q Inspector</div>	ESTIMATED TOTAL Market Office: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Headquarters</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">EXAMPLE</div>
---	--	---

FORM FV-300 (10-90) Replaces FV-303 (4-86) and FV-396 (1-90) which are obsolete