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## Procurement Specification for Conventional: Green Fine Beans

### Characteristics:

Pods should be regular in shape and should be fresh, firm and clean. Pods not to be stringy and over mature. Pods should snap when bent to indicate freshness and seeds should be at an immature stage of development. Beans to be intact with stalk ends attached.

Also known as Fine Beans or French Beans.

**Weight:** 1.5 Kg net + packaging + 100g moisture loss allowance

**Length:** 90 – 115mm

**Diameter:** 6 – 8mm

**Colour:** Dark Green to mid green

**Shape:** Straight pods

### Major Defects: (Nil - Tolerance)

Pest – Presence / Damage

Disease – Rots / Rust

Soil / Dirt / Litter

Taints / Foreign odours / foreign bodies

Bruising / Splits / Broken Pods / Mechanical Damage

Misshapen Pods

Yellowing / Over Mature Pods

Dehydration / Shrivell

### Minor Defects: (Tolerance <5% Of Total Weight)

Wind Scarring

Curving

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### Temperature:

Product should be harvested day prior to despatch. Product must not be left standing in fields, but delivered to cold stores as soon as possible. Must have field heat removed prior to storage and transport. To be stored and transported between 6 and 9 °C.

### Packaging:

Beans uniformly packed in box with clear liner and should be strapped pack 5 boxes x 1.5 Kg