COLOR CHARTS PRESCRIBED FOR EXPORT CARROTS

Important note:

The below color charts should be read in conjunction with the export standards and requirements prescribed for fresh vegetables under the banner of the Agricultural Product Standards Act 119 of 1990.

Example of different variety and shapes



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Variety and shape	\checkmark	\checkmark	х	All shapes allowed for class I and class II.

Damaged tip



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Damaged tip	X	х	V	Class I & Class II: – Must be intact. Apply additional tolernace prescribed.

Damaged tip



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Damaged tip	x	X	\checkmark	Class I & Class II: – Must be intact. Apply additional tolernace prescribed.

Crown rot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Crown rot	х	х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Must be free from decay.

Violet root rot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Violet root rot	х	x	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Must be free from decay.

Wet cavity spot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Wet cavity spot	x	Х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Must be free from decay.

Bacterial soft rot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Bacterial soft rot	х	х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Must be free from decay.

Soiled carrots



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Soiled carrots/Washed	x	x	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Must be free from foreign matter including soil.

Carrot root fly damage



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Carrot root fly damage	Х	x	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Insect infestation not allowed.

Slug damage



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Slug damage	х	х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Slug damage not allowed.

Wire worm damage



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Wire worm damage	х	х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Insect damage not allowed.

Rodent damage



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Rodent damage	х	х	\checkmark	Class I & Class II – Rodent damage not allowed.

Shrivelled carrot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Shrivelled carrot	X	x	\checkmark	Class I & Class II- Must be Fresh and Firm and show no sign of withering.

Forked carrot



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Forked carrot	×	x	\checkmark	Class I: Not allowed. Class II: Not allowed.
				Class II. Not allowed.

Secondary root growth



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Secondary root growth	x	x	\checkmark	Class 1. Not allowed Class 2. Not allowed

Woody carrots



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Woody carrots	x	Х	\checkmark	Class I: Not allowed Class II: Not allowed

Attractive Appearance



Carrots	Extra class Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Perfect carrot	Photo 1 Photo 2	$\sqrt[n]{\sqrt{1}}$	x	Allowed for both Extra class and class 1

Very slight superficial defect



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Slight superficial defect	\checkmark	x	Х	No standard prescribed. Limit?

Very slight silvering of the skin



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Slight silvering	Photo 1	х	Photo 2	No standard prescribed.

Defect in Shape



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Slight defect in shape	\checkmark	х	Х	Class 1 - Slight defect in shape allowed.

Defect in Shape



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Defect in shape	х	\checkmark	Х	Class 2 - may have defects in shape.

Slight defect in colouring



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Defect in colouring	\checkmark	x	Х	Class 1-slight defect in colouring

Defect in colouring



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Defect in colouring	x	\checkmark	Х	Class 2 - may have defects in colouring.

Cracks



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Wet cracks	x	x	\checkmark	Class 1& 2-counted as injuries irrespective of depth of crack
In the case of Healed cracks	x	x	х	Class 1- max 2 mm deep-no length/width specified.
				Class 2- max 3 mm deep-no length/width specified

Frost damage



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Frost damage	x	х	\checkmark	Shall not occur

Green or violet/purple tops



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Green or violet/purple tops	\checkmark	x	Х	Class 1-10 mm allowed for carrots
				100 mm and shorter and 20 mm for
				carrots longer than 100 mm.

Green or violet/purple tops



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Green or violet/purple tops	х	\checkmark	x	Class 2-20 mm allowed for carrots 100 mm and shorter and 30 mm for carrots longer than 100 mm.

Trimmed



Carrots	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Trimmed	×	x	\checkmark	If topped, it must be evened off or cut off at the top of the root, without damaging it.

Marking requirements



Various photos obtained from the OECD brochure for carrots