#### **COLOR CHARTS PRESCRIBED FOR EXPORT PUMPKINS**

#### **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.

### Blemishes



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Blemishes	✓	$\checkmark$	x	Class 1 and class 2-be free from blemishes. Class 1 may show slight skin defects, class 2 may show skin defects. Class 1: 10% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes. Class 2: 20% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes - not elevated.

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Blemishes	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	Class 1 and class 2 – be free from blemishes. Class 1 may show slight skin defects, class 2 may show skin defects. Class 1: 10% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes. Class 2: 20% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes - not elevated.

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Blemishes	√	$\checkmark$	X	Class 1 and class 2 – be free from blemishes. Class 1 may show slight skin defects, class 2 may show skin defects. Class 1: 10% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes. Class 2: 20% of the total surface area allowed for blemishes - not elevated.

# Blemishes and lay marks



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Blemishes and lay marks	X	$\checkmark$	X	Class 1 and class 2 – be free from blemishes- be sound and attractive in appearance and have normal characte- ristics of the cultivar. Intensity and size not acceptable for both class 1 and class 2.

#### **Elevated blemishes**



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Elevated blemishes	Х	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 – be free from elevated blemishes. Tolerance should be applied.

#### **Elevated blemishes**



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Elevated blemishes	x	Х	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 – be free from elevated blemishes.
				Tolerance should be applied.

## Laymarks



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Laymarks	×	V	x	Class 1 and class 2 - be free from blemishes. Lay marks not allowed for class 1 if more than 10 % of total surface area is covered. Allowed for class 2 if lay marks covers less than 20% of total surface area and is not dark.

## Lay marks





Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Lay marks plus elevated blemishes	Photo 2	Photo 1	x	Blemish/wart of 25 cm <sup>2</sup> (5cm x 5cm) is allowed for class 1 and 50 cm <sup>2</sup> (7cm x 7 cm) allowed for class 2.

## Laymarks



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Laymarks with blemishes	x	√	x	Class 1 and class 2 – be sound and attractive in appearance and have normal characteristics of the cultivar. Intensity and size not acceptable for class 1 but acceptable for class 2.

## Laymarks



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Light laymark	X	$\checkmark$	X	Class 1 and class 2 – be sound and
				attractive in appearance and have
				normal characteristics of the
				cultivar. Intensity and size
				acceptable for class 2.

### Warts



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Warts	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1and class 2-befree from blemishes - warts/elevated blemishes not allowed for class 1 and class 2.

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Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Warts	x	х	$\checkmark$	Class 1and class 2-befree from blemishes -
				warts/elevated blemishes not allowed for

class 1 and class 2.
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## Warts





Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Warts	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 - befree from blemishes. Warts/elevated blemishes not allowed for class 1 and class 2.

# Injuries



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Torn out stem/injury	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1. Not allowed. Apply tolerance only. Class 2. Not allowed. Apply

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Injuries	×	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1. Not allowed. Apply tolerance only.
				Class 2. Not allowed. Apply tolerance only.

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 Pumpkins
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 Injuries
 X
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 ✓
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 Class 2. Not allowed. Apply tolerance only.
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### Foreign matter



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Foreign matter	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 – be clean and free from foreign matter, including soil. Apply individual tolerances for each class.

### Sunburn



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Sunburn	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 - be free from sun-scorch.
				<b>Sunburn:</b> second burn with brownish colour is not acceptable. Sunburn may not prominently deviate from the background colour and affect the general appearance of the pumpkin.

### Sunburn



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Secondary sunburn	X	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2-be free from sun-scorch.
				<b>Sunburn:</b> second burn with white, yellow or brownish colour is not acceptable. Sunburn may not prominently deviate from the background colour and affect the general appearance of the pumpkin.

### Sunburn



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Secondary sunburn	x	x	$\checkmark$	Class 1 and class 2 - be free from sun-scorch. Black mould-decay starting to develop. Apply decay tolerance.

### Stem



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Stem	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	Class 1 and class 2 - no prescription on length or absence.

#### **Mould Growth**



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Mould Growth	x	x	$\checkmark$	Mould growth (decay) not allowed
				for class 1 or class 2.

## Sting Mark



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Injury	x	x	$\checkmark$	Injury - not allowed for class 1 and
				class 2. Cut to determine the
				presence of internal tissue collapse.

## Tissue Collapse



Pumpkins	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes
Sting mark	x	Х	$\checkmark$	The presence of internal tissue collapse is not allowed for class 1 or
				class 2.

## Example of marking requirements

PUMPKINS				
Packed by: 1234 Enterprise	PUC: D10101			
P.O. Box 100 Pampoen 0070	Class 1			
<b>Size:</b> 1000g – 1200g	Date: 09/12/2013			
Produce of South Africa				