

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOOD AND DAIRY DIVISION

REGULATION NO. 552. UNCLASSIFIED POTATOES

(By authority conferred on the commission of agriculture by section 8 of Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1929, as amended, section 1 of Act No. 13 of the Public Acts of 1921, as amended, and section 178 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, being SS290.158, 285.1, and 16.278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 285.552.1 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

(a) "Soft rot or wet breakdown" means a soft, mushy or leaky condition of the tissue of potatoes such as slimy soft rot, leak or wet breakdown following freezing injury.

(b) "Seriously damaged" means that the removal of sunburn or greening would cause a loss of more than 10% of the total weight of the potato.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.552.2 Labeling; containers; standards.

Rule 2. A person, firm, or corporation packing ungraded potatoes for sale for table use shall package them as follows:

(a) A container shall be labeled "unclassified."

(b) The word "unclassified" shall be in vivid red (NBS color no. 11) letters on a brilliant yellow (NBS color no. 83) background on the top 2/3 of the bag. The national bureau of standards centroid color charts, standard sample no. 2106, will be used for color reference. Color charts are available for viewing at Michigan state university. The lettering shall be in the English language, conspicuous as to style of letters and in contrast to color of background. The yellow background shall extend beyond the lettering, top, bottom, and sides, to a point 1/2 the size of the letters in the word "unclassified."

(c) The word "unclassified" shall be as large as the largest lettered word on the package and in no case less than 1 inch in height.

(d) Unclassified potatoes shall be packaged in brown paper or clear plastic bags with only the information specified by Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1929 for unclassified potatoes appearing on the bag.

(e) A lot designated as unclassified shall contain not more than 2%, by weight, of the potatoes affected by soft rot or wet breakdown.

(f) A lot designated as unclassified shall contain not more than 10%, by weight, of potatoes which are seriously damaged by sunburn or greening.

History: 1979 AC.

R 285.552.3 Exemption.

Rule 3. These rules do not apply to a grower or his employees in the sale of potatoes grown by himself when made direct to the consumer.

History: 1979 AC.