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one layer only and the net weight of all avocados in any such container shall not be less than 8.5 pounds. Such containers shall be for export shipments only.

(5) Such other types and sizes of containers as may be approved by the Avocado Administrative Committee, with the approval of the Secretary, for testing in connection with a research project conducted by or in cooperation with said committee: *Provided*, That the handling of each lot of avocados in such test containers shall be subject to prior approval, and under the supervision of, the Avocado Administrative Committee.

(b) The limitations set forth in paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to master containers for individual packages of avocados: *Provided*, That the markings or labels, if any, on the individual packages within such master containers do not conflict with the markings or labels on the master container.

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§915.306 Florida avocado grade, pack, and container marking regulation.

(a) No handler shall handle any variety of avocados grown in the production area unless:

(1) Such avocados grade at least U.S. No. 2, except that avocados handled to destinations within the production area may be placed in containers with avocados of dissimilar varietal characteristics: *Provided*, That during the period November 2, 1992, through March 31, 1993, avocados may be handled to destinations within the production area in containers other than those authorized under §915.305 affected by serious damage, but not very serious damage, caused by *Cercospora* Spot.

(2) Such avocados are in containers authorized under §915.305, when handled to points outside the production area.

(3) Such avocados are packed in accordance with standard pack, when handled in containers authorized under §915.305.

(4) Such avocados are in containers marked with a Federal-State Inspec-

tion Service lot stamp number, when handled in containers authorized under §915.305: *Provided*, That when inspection occurs after palletization, only all exposed or outside containers of avocados must be plainly marked with the lot stamp number corresponding to the lot inspection conducted by an authorized inspector.

(5) Such avocados are in containers marked with a Federal-State Inspection Service (FSIS) lot stamp number applied to an adhesive tape seal affixed to the container in a manner to prevent the container from being opened and/or the fruit being removed without breaking the seal, when handled in containers other than those authorized under §915.305. The stamp and tape shall be affixed to the container by the FSIS or by the handler under the supervision of the FSIS. Only stamps and tape which have been approved by the Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, may be used for purposes of stamping and sealing containers to meet these requirements.

(6) Such avocados when handled in containers authorized under §915.305, except for those to export destinations, are marked once with the grade of fruit in letters and numbers at least one inch in height on the top or one side of the container, not to include the bottom, effective each fiscal year from the first Monday after July 15 until the first Monday after January 1.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, such avocados may be handled not subject to the grade requirements specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section when they are shipped in containers other than those authorized under §915.305 to destinations within the production area.

(b) The provisions of paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6) of this section shall not apply to individual packages of avocados weighing four pounds or less, net weight, in master containers.

(c) Terms pertaining to grades and standard pack mean the same as those defined in the United States Standards

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for Florida Avocados (7 CFR 51.3050 through 51.3069).

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§ 915.332 Florida avocado maturity regulation.

(a) No handler shall handle any variety of avocados, except Hass, Fuerte, Zutano, and Edranol, grown in the production area unless:

(1) Any portion of the skin of the individual avocados has changed to the color normal for that fruit when mature for those varieties which normally change color to any shade of red or purple when mature, except for the Linda variety; or

(2) Such avocados meet the minimum weight or diameter requirements for

the Monday nearest each date specified, through the Sunday immediately prior to the nearest Monday of the specified date in the next column, for each variety listed in the following table I: *Provided*, that avocados may not be handled prior to the earliest date specified in column A of such table for the respective variety; *Provided further*, There are no restrictions on size or weight on or after the date specified in column D; *Provided further*, That up to a total of 10 percent, by count to the individual fruit in each lot may weigh less than the minimum specified or be less than the specified diameter, except that no such avocados shall be over 2 ounces lighter than the minimum weight specified for the variety; *Provided further*, That up to double such tolerance shall be permitted for fruit in an individual container in a lot.

TABLE I

Variety	A date	Min. wt.	Min. diam.	B date	Min. wt.	Min. diam.	C date	Min. wt.	Min. diam.	D date
Dr. Dupuis #2	5-30	16	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	6-13	14	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	7-04	12	3 ² / ₁₆	7-18
Simmons	6-20	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	7-04	14	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	7-18	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01
Pollock	6-20	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	7-04	16	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	7-18	14	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01
Hardee	6-27	16	3 ² / ₁₆	7-04	14	2 ¹ / ₁₆	7-11	12	.....	7-25
Nadir	6-27	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	7-04	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	7-11	10	2 ¹ / ₁₆	7-18
Ruehle	7-04	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	7-11	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-01	12	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	8-15
				7-18	14	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	8-08	10	3 ³ / ₁₆	
Bernecker	7-18	18	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-01	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-15	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	8-29
Miguel (P)	7-18	22	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01	20	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-15	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-29
Nesbitt	7-18	22	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-08	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	8-22
Tonnage	8-01	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-15	14	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-22	12	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-29
Waldin	8-01	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-15	14	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	8-29	12	3 ⁴ / ₁₆	9-12
Tower II	8-01	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-15	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-29	10	3 ³ / ₁₆	9-05
Beta	8-08	18	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-15	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-29	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	9-05
Lisa (P)	8-08	12	3 ² / ₁₆	8-15	11	3	.....	.....	.....	8-22
Black Prince	8-15	28	4 ¹ / ₁₆	8-29	23	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-12	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-03
Loretta	8-22	30	4 ³ / ₁₆	9-05	26	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-19	22	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-26
Booth 8	8-29	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	9-12	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	9-26	12	3 ³ / ₁₆	10-24
							10-10	10	3 ¹ / ₁₆	
Booth 7	8-29	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-12	16	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-26	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-10
Booth 5	9-05	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	9-19	12	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-03
Choquette	9-26	28	4 ¹ / ₁₆	10-17	24	4 ¹ / ₁₆	10-31	20	3 ¹ / ₁₆	11-14
Hall	9-26	26	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-10	20	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-24	18	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	11-07
Lula	10-03	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-10	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-31	12	3 ³ / ₁₆	11-14
Monroe	11-07	26	4 ³ / ₁₆	11-21	24	4 ¹ / ₁₆	12-05	20	3 ¹ / ₁₆	1-02
							12-19	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	
Arue	5-16	16	.....	5-30	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	6-20	12	.....	7-04
Donnie	5-23	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	6-06	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	6-20	12	.....	7-04
Fuchs	6-06	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	6-20	12	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	7-04
K-5	6-13	18	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	6-27	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	7-11
West Indian Seedling ¹	6-20	18	.....	7-18	16	.....	8-22	14	.....	9-19
Gorham	7-04	29	4 ⁵ / ₁₆	7-18	27	4 ³ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	8-15
Biondo	7-11	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8-15
Petersen	7-11	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	7-18	12	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	7-25	10	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	8-08
232	7-18	14	.....	8-01	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	8-15
Pinelli	7-18	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01	16	3 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	8-15
Trapp	7-18	14	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-01	12	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	8-15
K-9	8-01	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8-22
Christina	8-01	11	2 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8-22
Catalina	8-15	24	.....	8-29	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	9-19
Blair	8-29	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	9-12	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-03