These are the quality standards for New Zealand Nashi (Asian Pears) sold on the Local Market as set by Nashi New Zealand Inc.

Major cosmetic defects

Skin Surface:	<u>Allowance</u>
Sunken black	Nil
Cuts, punctures and rots	Nil
Soft fruit, surface deposits	Nil

Bruising and scuffing:

Only slight pressure bruising acceptable.

Note: Applying excess finger pressure during harvest, along with rough handling during transport or display can bruise the fruit.

Minor cosmetic defects

Blemish:

Maximum aggregated allowance for Russet, Limb and Leaf Rub.

Superficial 2 sq. cm.

Maximum of 4 blemishes on a fruit with a cumulative total of 2 sq. cm. Maximum 10% marked fruit per pack

Shape:

All fruit to be typical of variety.

Dropped Shoulder. or Raised Base:

Allowance: 5% of the total number of fruit per package with none exceeding cumulative angles greater than 30°

Stems:

All stems to be clipped to avoid damaging other fruit

Variety:

Single type per pack

Deep Ribs:

Unacceptable if unsightly, sunken or detracts from typical fruit shape.

Calyx cracking:

Maximum 270° and or 15 mm Diam. Dry healed only.

Russet:

Maximum allowable percentage:

All russet varieties: (Hosui, Kosui types) Smooth Russet Rough Russet

Treat as blemish

Clear Skinned Varieties: (Nijisseiki type)

All: 10% Aggregated per pack.

Insects:AllowanceLiveNilSuperficial damageTreat as blemishFlesh damageLess than 1%

Internal Defects:AllowanceCore Browning2%Flesh spot decay8%Watery core4%

Total cumulative: 8% allowance on 100 fruit sample

Sunburn:

Black under surface Nil

Silver leaf affected fruit:

Hard flesh, no juice Nil

Maturity

The sale of fruit must be based on a representative sample with the following criteria: Taste, Brix, Skin colour.

Minimum brix: Hosui 11%, Nijisseiki 10% Immature or over mature fruit is unacceptable

Size/weights definition:

Mixed Sizing: No fruit should be noticeably different within any pack.

Loose packed or crated:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Small} & 145g - 165g \\ \textbf{Medium} & 165g - 210g \\ \textbf{Large} & 210g - 265g \\ \textbf{XL} & 265g - 365g \\ \textbf{XXL} & 365g - 500 + g \\ \end{array}$

Pocket packed: (fruit must fit the pocket)

4 Kg tray 30 cm x 40 cm

Counts 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23

Retail display trays:

60 cm x 40 cm. 1 or 2 layer

Counts 18, 20, 25, 27, 30, 35, 39, 48

Labelling

All packs must display neatly and clearly: Variety, Count, Net Weight, Packing shed and or growers name and address.

Consignments

All consignments must have an identification and records system for the purposes of tracing the source.

Agrichemical Sprays

All applications must be by GROWSAFE certificated personnel and apply the requirements of that certification.

Food Safety, packaging and all other Grower, Packhouse and transport practices:

NNZ Inc expects all growers to become approved suppliers of the NZGAP Program and to meet the appropriate standards www.newzealandgap.co.nz

Note:

These "Quality Standards" form part of the Nashi (Asian Pear) Quality assurance manual and should be read in conjunction with it to have a full understanding of all requirements.