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(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 Inspection 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 1 inch in height on the top or one side of the container, not to include the bottom.

(7) Such avocados when handled in containers other than those authorized under §915.305(a) for shipment to destinations within the production area are marked once with the grade of fruit in letters and numbers at least 3 inches in height on the top or one side of the container, not to include the bottom. Each such container is also to be marked at least once with either the registered handler number assigned to the handler at the time of certification as a registered handler or with the name and address of the handler.

(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 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 ³ / 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 ³ / 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 ⁶ / ₁₆	8-01	16	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	8-15	14	3 ¹ / 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 ⁵ / ₁₆	8-08	14	3 ³ / ₁₆	8-22
Tonnage	8-01	16	3 ⁵ / 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 ¹ / ₁₆	9-12
Tower II	8-01	14	3 ⁶ / ₁₆	8-15	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	8-29	10	3 ² / ₁₆	9-05
Beta	8-08	18	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	8-15	16	3 ⁵ / 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 ⁶ / 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 ⁸ / ₁₆	10-10
Booth 5	9-05	14	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	9-19	12	3 ⁶ / 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 ⁸ / ₁₆	11-07
Lula	10-03	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-10	14	3 ⁶ / 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 ⁵ / ₁₆	6-06	14	3 ¹ / 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 ⁵ / 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 ⁸ / ₁₆	7-18	12	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	7-25	10	3 ² / 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 ⁸ / ₁₆	9-12	14	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-03
Guatemalan Seedling ²	9-05	15	.....	10-03	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	12-05
Marcus	9-05	32	4 ¹ / ₁₆	9/19	24	4 ⁵ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-31
Brooks 1978	9-05	12	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	9-12	10	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-19	8	2 ¹ / ₁₆	10-10
Rue	9-12	30	4 ³ / ₁₆	9-19	24	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-03	18	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-17
Collinson	9-12	16	3 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10-10
Hickson	9-12	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	9-26	10	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-10
Simpson	9-19	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10-10
Chica	9-19	12	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	10-03	10	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-17
Leona	9-26	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-03	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	10-10
Melendez	9-26	26	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-10	22	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-24	18	3 ⁷ / ₁₆	11-07
Herman	10-03	16	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-17	14	3 ⁶ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-31
Pinkerton (CP)	10-03	13	3 ³ / ₁₆	10-17	11	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	10-31	9	.....	11-14
Taylor	10-10	14	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	10-24	12	3 ² / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	11-07
Ajax (B-7)	10-10	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10-31
Booth 3	10-10	16	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	10-17	14	3 ⁶ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	10-31
Semil 34	10-17	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	10-31	16	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	11-14	14	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	11-28
Semil 43	10-24	18	3 ¹ / ₁₆	11-7	16	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	11-21	14	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	12-05
Booth 1	11-14	16	3 ¹ / ₁₆	11-28	12	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	12-12
Zio (P)	11-14	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	11-28	10	2 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	12-12
Gossman	11-28	11	3 ¹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12-26
Brookslate	12-05	18	3 ³ / ₁₆	12-12	16	3 ¹ / ₁₆	1-02	12	3 ⁵ / ₁₆	1-30
				12-19	14	3 ⁸ / ₁₆	1-16	10	.....
Meya (P)	12-12	13	3 ² / ₁₆	12-26	11	3 ⁹ / ₁₆	.....	.....	.....	1-09
Reed (CP)	12-12	12	3 ¹ / ₁₆	12-26	10	3 ³ / ₁₆	1-09	9	3 ¹ / ₁₆	1-23

¹ Avocados of the West Indian type varieties and seedlings not listed elsewhere in table I.

² Avocados of the Guatemalan type varieties and seedlings, hybrid varieties and seedlings, and unidentified seedlings not listed elsewhere in table I.

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(3) Avocados which fail to meet the maturity requirements specified in this section must be maintained under the supervision of the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service using the Positive Lot Identification program, and when presented for reinspection, must meet the maturity requirements which correspond to the date of the original inspection.

(b) The term *diameter* means the greatest dimension measured at a right angle to a straight line from the stem to the blossom end of the fruit.

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DEFINITIONS

§ 916.1 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may