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TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
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CHAPTER 1. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STANDARDIZATION  
SUBCHAPTER 4. FRESH FRUITS, NUTS AND VEGETABLES

ARTICLE 4. CONTAINERS

§ 1380.19. Standard Containers.

This section describes containers that are required by other regulations of Subchapter 4. The depth dimension of containers designated below shall include in that measurement any cleats, if used.

CONTAINER NUMBERS AND DESCRIPTIONS

| <i>Inside Description in Inches</i> |                                                                                       |                   |                    |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                     |                                                                                       | <i>Depth</i>      | <i>Width</i>       | <i>Length</i>    |
| (j) CITRUS                          |                                                                                       |                   |                    |                  |
|                                     | * 58 orange, lemon, royal mandarin, minneola or orlando tangerines                    | 10 ¼ to 11 ¼      | 10 11/16           | 16 ¾             |
|                                     | 59 grapefruit                                                                         | 9 ¾               | 10 11/16           | 16 ¾             |
|                                     | <u>*** 60 orange only</u>                                                             | <u>12 ½</u>       | <u>10 ½</u>        | <u>16 3/16</u>   |
|                                     | <u>** 61 loose container</u>                                                          | 15 to 36          | 38 to 46           | 46 to 48         |
|                                     | 63 tangerine or mandarin, including minneola or orlando tangerines and royal mandarin | 7 ½ to 8 ½        | 10 11/16           | 16 ¾             |
|                                     | 65 all of the above citrus                                                            | 9 to 9 7/8        | 15 5/8 to 15 13/16 | 23 ¼ to 23 ¾     |
|                                     |                                                                                       | (inside)          | (outside)          | (outside)        |
|                                     | 66 all of the above citrus                                                            | 7 9/16 to 7 15/16 | 15 5/8 to 15 13/16 | 23 ¼ to 23 ¾     |
|                                     |                                                                                       | (inside)          | (outside)          | (outside)        |
|                                     | 67 lemons, orange, tangerine or mandarin                                              | 5 ¾ to 7          | 15 ½ to 15 ¾       | 23 ¼ to 23 ¾     |
|                                     |                                                                                       | (inside)          | (outside)          | (outside)        |
|                                     | 68 orange only                                                                        | 3 9/16 to 3 11/32 | 15 ¾               | 23 5/8           |
|                                     |                                                                                       | (inside)          | (outside)          | (outside)        |
|                                     | 69 mandarin and tangerine only                                                        | 6 to 7 ½          | 11 1/8 to 11 13/16 | 18 ½ to 19 13/16 |

\* When container 58 exceeds 10 ¼ inches in depth, it shall be standard only for oranges and shall be prepared for market only by the volume-fill method or when pattern packed and exported to a foreign country.

\*\* This container may be constructed either in a rectangular or semi-octagonal shape, with top cap optional.

\*\*\* Container shall be packed using the volume-fill method only.

Specific packing conditions are listed in article 22 of this group.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 42682, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

## **ARTICLE 22. CITRUS**

### **§ 1430.10. Citrus, Uniform Size Requirement.**

Citrus packed or placed loose in nonconsumer container numbers 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, or 69 shall be uniform in size.

- (a) None of the fruit in any container of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, minneolas, or Royal Mandarins may be more than 15 percent larger or smaller than the average diameter of the fruit in the container. This requirement shall apply to Royal Mandarins and minneolas only when the container is marked with the count and minimum diameter of the fruit.
- (b) None of the fruit in any container of tangerines or mandarins may vary more than one-half inch in diameter between fruits when the container is marked with a count description. This requirement shall apply to Royal Mandarins and minneolas only when the container is marked with the size designation of the fruit. None of the fruit in any container of tangerines or mandarins may vary more than one-quarter inch in diameter between fruits when the container is marked with a numerical size.
- (c) The diameter shall be taken at the widest portion of a cross section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407, 42681 and 42682, Food and Agricultural Code.

Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

### **§ 1430.12. Citrus, Packing Requirements for Standard Containers No. 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, or 69.**

Oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, and mandarins which are in standard container numbers 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, or 69 shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- (a) Be packed so that they will not readily move in the container.
- (b) The container shall not be overfilled. Overfill shall be determined by measuring the combined height of the individually stacked or palletized containers, exclusive of the top container or layer of containers. The total measurement shall be the average of two corner measurements and shall not exceed the combined inside depth of each container measured on one corner plus a variance of 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches per container which includes allowances for construction of top and bottom flaps, container manufacturing errors, and overfill.

Individual pallets of containers and individually stacked containers equivalent to the standard 42-container pallet shall be accepted or rejected on the basis of these requirements. Fruit in containers that fail these requirements shall be resized or placed in consumer containers or container 61.

- (c) The count of fruit in each container shall not be less than the count marked on the container, but may exceed the count by not more than 8 percent.
- (d) Tangerines or mandarins marked with the size designation or numerical size need not comply with (c) above.
- (e) All citrus may be placed loose in bin number 61.
- (f) The provisions of (a) and (b) above shall not apply to containers 65, 66, 67 and 68.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 42682, Food and Agricultural Code.  
Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

**§ 1430.14. Oranges, Lemons, and Royal Mandarins, Standard Containers.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 1380.17, Section 1430 or Section 1430.15, oranges, lemons, or Royal Mandarins shall be packed in standard container number 58, 60, 65, 66, or 68. Royal Mandarins may also be packed in container 63. Lemons and oranges may also be packed in container 67. Containers 58, 60, and 63 shall be closed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 42682, Food and Agricultural Code.  
Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.

**§ 1430.45. Oranges and Royal Mandarins, Count and Average Diameter.**

The count and minimum average diameter of fruit which are marked on containers 58, 60, 65, 66, 67, and 68 as required by Section 1430.13 shall be one of the counts and corresponding minimum measurements established in the chart below for the respective commodities and containers.

The average diameter shall be determined by inspection of a representative sample.

| ORANGES AND<br>ROYAL<br>MANDARINES<br>CONTAINER 58, <u>60</u> ,<br>65 and 66 |     | ORANGES<br>CONTAINER 67 | ORANGES<br>CONTAINER 68 | AVERAGE<br>DIAMETER IN<br>INCHES |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                              | 24  |                         |                         | 4.370                            |
|                                                                              | 32  |                         |                         | 3.970                            |
|                                                                              | 36  |                         |                         | 3.820                            |
|                                                                              | 40  |                         |                         | 3.680                            |
|                                                                              | 48  | 45                      |                         | 3.470                            |
|                                                                              | 56  | 50                      | 25                      | 3.300                            |
|                                                                              | 72  | 65                      | 33                      | 3.040                            |
|                                                                              | 88  | 70                      |                         | 2.840                            |
|                                                                              | 113 |                         |                         | 2.600                            |
|                                                                              | 138 |                         |                         | 2.420                            |
|                                                                              | 163 |                         |                         | 2.290                            |
|                                                                              | 180 |                         |                         | 2.220                            |
|                                                                              | 210 |                         |                         | 2.070                            |
|                                                                              | 245 |                         |                         | 1.980                            |
|                                                                              | 270 |                         |                         | 1.920                            |

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 407 and 42682, Food and Agricultural Code.  
Reference: Section 42941, Food and Agricultural Code.