

WAC 16-439-217 Damage defects. (1) More than the following shall be considered damage:

(a) Slight handling bruises and carton bruises that are incident to proper handling.

(b) Sunburn or sprayburn, if there is no change in the normal color of the fruit, softening of the flesh, or blistering or cracking of the skin.

(c) Russeting at the calyx end of Bartlett pears, as long as the russeting is not visible for more than one-half inch when the pear is placed calyx end down on a flat surface.

(d) Light russeting that is not characteristic of the variety, when the affected area does not exceed an aggregate of fifteen percent of the surface.

(e) Slight pebbling on Bartlett pears that does not materially detract from the appearance.

(2) In addition, a pear may show one or a combination of the following as long as the aggregate area does not exceed three-fourths inch in diameter:

(a) Limb rubs that are light, not soft, and affect an aggregate area not to exceed three-fourths inch in diameter.

(b) Hail marks when the injury is superficial and affects an aggregate area not to exceed one-fourth inch in diameter.

(c) Heavy russeting, such as is characteristic of frost injury, as long as the aggregate area does not exceed one-half inch in diameter.

(d) Two slight, healed depressions that do not materially affect the general appearance of the fruit.

(e) Sooty blotch that affects an aggregate area of ten percent when the blotch is slight or thin, or one-half inch when the blotch is moderate, or three-eighths inch when the blotch is heavy.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 15.17 RCW, RCW 15.17.030, and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 09-01-095, § 16-439-217, filed 12/16/08, effective 1/16/09.]