



Internal Quality Checks on Fruit in the UK

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Destructive sampling procedure

- No national legislation for destructive sampling
- We rely on what is stated in 1148/01

Regulation 1148/01

- Check for internal defects on the basis of reduced samples
- Especially where control destroys the trade value of the produce
- the size of the reduced sample shall not exceed 10% of the size of the bulk sample initially taken for the inspection

Destructive sampling procedure

- The need to cut and destroy a sample falls into two categories:-
- Where there is an **outward sign** of an internal defect.
- Where there is **no outward sign** of an internal defect

Outward Sign of Defect

- *Example: 30 kiwifruit in a tray showing water soaking.*
- **Cut up to 10% to confirm suspicion.**
- *Count all kiwifruit exhibiting external symptoms and cut 3 per tray (being 10% of the sample) to confirm your suspicions*

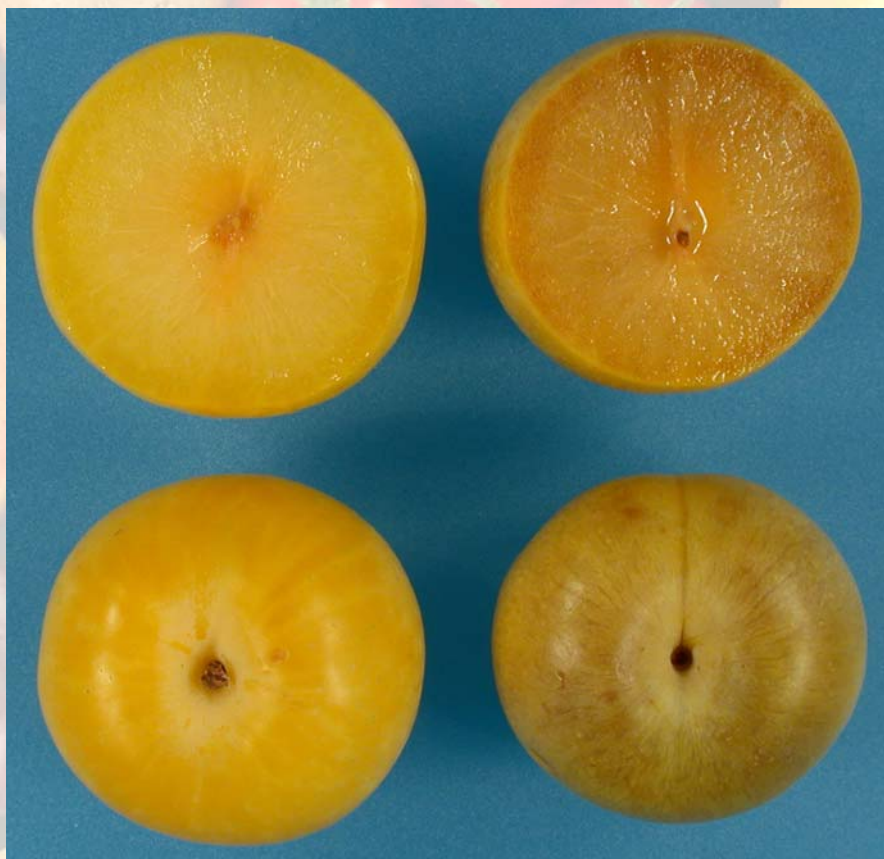
NO Outward Sign of Defect

- *Example: Apples, count 150, with suspect water core.*
- **Take a random sample of 10%** from each container and cut the entire reduced sample.
- **Remove 15 apples** from the box at random and cut them.



DEFECTS REQUIRING DESTRUCTIVE SAMPLING

Internal browning - plum



Gum pocket - plum



Fractured stone - plum



Split stone - nectarine



Suspected water-core - apple



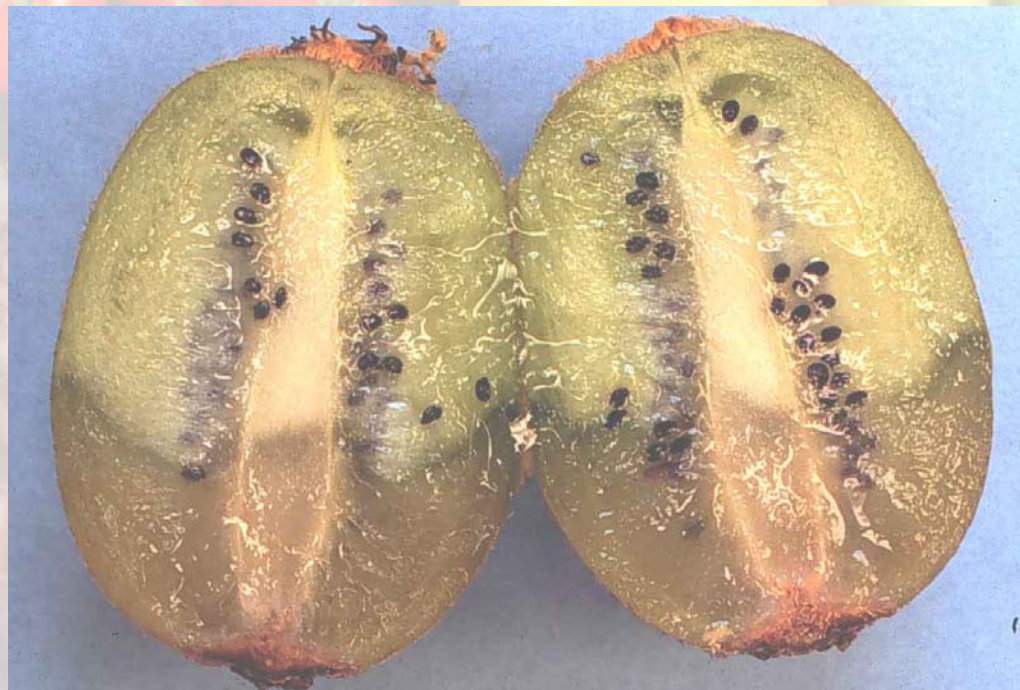
Water-core – out of grade



Pest Damage - pears



Kiwifruit - watersoaking



Avocado – rubbing/ bruise and chilling injury





OBJECTIVE TESTS CARRIED OUT BY HMI

Marketing Standards incorporating Objective Tests

APPLES

AVOCADOS

CITRUS

GRAPES

HAZELNUTS

KIWIFRUIT

MELONS

PEACHES AND NECTARINES

WALNUTS

WATER MELONS

Objective Tests

Sugar levels – °Brix
Dry Matter
Moisture Content
Flesh Pressure
Juice Content



Objective testing equipment





Dover



We always encourage our inspectors to cut one or two items of fruit during inspection...

