

Food Safety Act 1990

It is an offence to sell, or offer or expose for sale or possess for the purpose of sale any food, the presentation of which is likely to mislead as to the nature, substance or quality of the food.

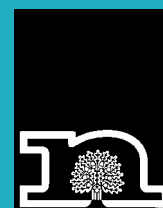
If fruit or vegetables are supplied in response to a request from a consumer from the back of a market stall, the produce must be of the same quality as that displayed on the stall.

This leaflet is brief summary of the law regarding the sale of fruit and vegetables. It is not an authoritative document on the law and only intended for guidance. For further details or clarification contact the Trading Standards Service.

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Business Information

A Guide to selling Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

All fresh fruit and vegetables must be sold either by weight, by the bunch or by number.

Produce that must be sold by weight

Produce sold by weight can be purchased either pre-packed or sold loose.

Pre-packed produce must be sold by **net weight** only. Produce sold loose can be sold by either **net weight** or **gross weight**.

Net weight	Weight of produce only
Gross weight	Weight of produce and container.

If you choose to sell by gross weight you must make this clear to the customer. You must also bear in mind that there is a maximum weight permitted for containers included in gross weight. See table below for guidance.

Potatoes

If you pack potatoes ready for sale you must only pack in these sizes:

500g, 750g, 1 kg, 1.5kg, 2kg, 2.5kg, 5kg, 7.5kg, 10kg, 12.5kg, 15kg, 20kg and 25kg.

The metric weight must be marked on the pack.

Loose potatoes can be sold by either gross or net weight in metric quantities. (For gross weight up to 500g the maximum container weight is 5g, for more than 500g it is 1% of the gross weight).

Baking potatoes weighing at least 175g each can be sold by number. The pack must be labelled with the number and a statement that each potato weighs at least 175g.

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