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This WPA Guideline contains information for the manufacture and supply of wooden bins to third party contract packagers.

Where bottling customers are supplying their wooden bins, this Guideline could be given to the supplier, but we encourage they contact their contract packager to discuss whether this Guideline is sufficient for them or whether they have their own Specification.

1. Guidance

All queries regarding this information should be directed to your contract packager.

2. Responsibility

Customers must ensure that wooden bins are manufactured with reference to the information contained in the specification.

3. Requirements

- i. Bins require industry standard 2-way fork lift and pallet jack entry points.
- ii. External measurements shall not to exceed 1170 mm (length) x 1120 mm (width) x 780 mm (height).
- iii. Bins must be capable of safely carrying the MET load weight requirements.
- iv. To ensure bins are fit for purpose, the construction criteria are as follows:
 - Bins must be designed and rated for vertical stacking up to 6 bins high.
 - Only seasoned timber with no critical defects can be use.
 - Capacity of minimum 1000 kg.
 - No missing or damaged boards.
 - No rough sawn timbers.
 - No fungus or mould to be present.
 - Must be pest free and dirt free.
 - No dangerous chemicals to be present in the timber.
 - No protruding nails or splinters.



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- Any fungicide used to treat bins to prevent mould should not pose any damage or health risks to people or product.

4. Packing and Delivery

Detailed information on the packing and delivery of dry goods is contained in WPA_09 Dry Good Packaging and Delivery Requirements.

5. References

Winemakers Federation of Australia - Wine Packaging guidelines November 2012

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