

INDUSTRY GRADING GUIDELINES ADDENDUM CLARIFICATIONS

For the 2026/27 season, the Grading Guidelines Committee has recommended the following clarifications, signalling shifting market dynamics.



LENGTH	Overall maximum length 50 cm*	✓	✓		✓	
	Top length should not exceed circumference	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Top length exceeding circumference, or overall length exceeding 50 cm			✓		
TOP	Must have a rounded top (birds-eye/top view)	✓				
	Must have a rounded top (side view)	✓	✓	✓		
	Can have slight indentation (bird’s eye/top view)		✓	✓		
	Clearly beginning to indent				✓	✓
WEIGHT	Minimum weight 2 kg	✓	✓	✓		
	A Grade or above thickness, i.e. no minimum weight				✓	✓
VISUAL	Must have no observable non-traditional traits	✓	✓	✓		
	Can include basal snags under 3.5 cm in length, not in a cluster, no higher than mid-part of overall stick and not making up a significant amount of overall weight of stick		✓	✓		
	Anything from 50 cm to 55cm, or with more pronounced NT traits, e.g. indentation, excessive palmation and/or weight					✓
	Extra or bifurcation of tynes below the mid-point of overall stick, but not above.		✓	✓		
DAMAGE	Any damage must go to damaged 2 or 3 grades				✓	
	Any damage and/or if greater than 55cm in overall or top length to OG 1, 2 or 3					✓
BIRDS EYE VIEW	SAP/SAT <i>if rest of stick in proportion</i> SAT SAT NT1 NT1/NT2					SUPER A GRADES: Buyer discretion on length if stick is proportionate. NON-TRADITIONAL TRAITS: Velvet beginning to indent, flat-beamed, palmated, difficult to process. SAP GRADE: No change

*If in proportion, buyer discretion may consider longer