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Item 3 (b) of the Provisional Agenda

PROPOSAL TO REVISE UN/ECE STANDARDS

Apples and Pears

Note by the Secretariat The following proposal is reproduced in the form in which it was submitted by the delegation of New Zealand.

Proposal for the Revision of Standard FFV-01: Apples and Pears

Report

1. The 46th (23-26 May 2000) Session of the Specialised Section on Co-ordination of Standardisation of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, requested that New Zealand, as rapporteur for the apple & pear standard (FFV-01) prepare drafts of separate standards for apples and pears for consideration by the Working Group (Belgium, Chile, Germany, New Zealand, United Kingdom) and subsequently the 47th Session of the Specialised Section.
2. In addition, the 46th Session noted that further work was required on the list of varieties annexed to FFV-01, but that in the interim the existing list of varieties would be attached to the current version of FFV-01 (Trade/WP.7/2000/11/Add.1).
3. Drafts of separate standards for apples and pears have now been prepared using the version of FFV-01 currently in force (Trade/WP.7/2000/11/Add.1) as the starting point. These drafts are attached for consideration by the Working Group and the 47th Session of the Specialised Section at their forthcoming meetings in May 2001. One technical change has been proposed in the draft apple standard, with the inclusion of two options for sizing (by diameter or weight). Revised lists of varieties have been prepared based on discussions within the Working Group in May 2000 and subsequent proposals received by the rapporteur. Separate revised lists have been included in the attached draft standards.
4. At the 46th Session of the Specialised Section, Ukraine tabled proposals for amendments to FFV-01 (Trade/WP.7/GE.1/2000/INF.6). The 46th Session decided that these proposals should be considered by the Working Group, and any recommendations for changes to FFV-01 be presented at the next session. The attached drafts of separate standards for apples and pears do not take into account the proposals of the Ukraine, as the Working Group has not yet considered them.

Recommendations for 47th Session of the Specialised Section

It is recommended that the 47th Session of the Specialised Section on Co-ordination of Standardisation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables:

- a) Note that separate draft standards for apples and pears have now been prepared based on the version of FFV-01 currently in force, and that these drafts include revised lists of varieties,
- b) Note that the attached draft standards do not take into account proposed amendments to FFV-01 tabled by the Ukraine at the 46th Session, and
- c) Discuss the attached draft standards along with the report from the informal Working Group meeting to be held on 14 May 2001.