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PROPOSALS TO REVISE UNECE STANDARDS

Citrus Fruit

Note by the Secretariat: The following document has been received from the delegation of the European Union and reproduced as received. The new text has been printed on a grey background.

Proposals and comments concerning the standard FFV-14 (Citrus Fruit)

II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

B. Maturity requirements

The insertion of sugar-acid ratio as a maturity criteria for oranges and easy-peelers shall be further assessed and discussed.

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

B. Size scales

- It should be possible to name "1" alternatively the current size code "1-X" for easy-peelers. Third line of the table for satsumas, etc.. would then read:

"1" or "1-X" 63-74

- the following new subparagraph could be added:

"Citrus fruit may be packed by count. In this case, provided the size uniformity required by the standard s retained, the size range in the package may fall outside a single size code, but within two adjacent codes."

C. Uniformity

Uniformity in size is achieved by the above mentioned size scales, unless otherwise stated as follows:

i) For fruit arranged in regular layers in the package, the maximum difference between the smallest and the largest fruit, **within a single size code or, in the case of citrus fruit packed by count, within two adjacent codes,** must not exceed :

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IV. PROVISIONS CONCERNING TOLERANCES

Tolerances in respect of quality and size shall be allowed in each package, ~~or in each lot for produce presented in bulk,~~ for produce not satisfying the requirements of the class indicated

V. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

A. Uniformity

The contents of each package, ~~or lot for produce presented in bulk,~~ must be uniform and contain only citrus fruit of the same origin, variety or commercial type, quality and size, and appreciably of the same degree of ripeness and development.

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Sales packages of a net weight not exceeding 3 kilos may contain mixtures of citrus fruit of different species, provided they are uniform in quality and, for each species concerned, they are uniform in origin, variety or commercial type and size, and appreciably of the same degree of ripeness and development.

VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

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~~For citrus fruit transported in bulk, these particulars must appear on a document accompanying the goods.~~

B. Nature of produce

Add the following indent:

- In the case of sales packages containing a mixture of citrus fruit of different varieties, names of the different species.

C. Origin of produce

Add the following indent

- In the case of sales packages containing a mixture of species of citrus fruit of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear close to the name of the species concerned.

D. Commercial specifications

Third and fourth indent:

- Size code **(or, when fruit packed by count fall under two adjacent codes, size codes or minimum and maximum diameter in mm)** and number of fruit, in the case of fruit arranged in layers in the package

- Where appropriate, mention of the preserving agent or other chemical substances used **at post-harvest stage**, where such use is compatible with the regulations of the importing country.