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PROPOSALS TO REVISE UNECE STANDARDS

Apples

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 draft standard FFV-01a (Apples)

II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

A. Minimum requirements

Second subparagraph: keep the current text:

"In addition, they must have been carefully picked."

Third subparagraph:

The Community wonders whether objective criteria for defining "the condition of the apples" such as to enable them "to continue their maturing process and to reach the degree of maturity required" should be inserted, such as for example minimum Brix level, minimum or maximum firmness criteria, sugar-acid ratio, harmonisation of measuring methods for colouring, starch test.

B. Classification

ii) Class I

Third subparagraph:

The fourth indent and its three sub-indents shall be maintained.

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by maximum diameter of the equatorial section or by weight. ~~Fruit must meet one of the following minimum size requirements:~~

~~—— i) A minimum size³ by diameter~~ **is required** for each class as follows:

	Extra	I	II
Large fruited varieties ⁴	65 mm	60 mm	60 mm
Other varieties	60 mm	55 mm	50 mm

~~—— ii) A minimum fruit weight for each class as follows:~~

	Extra	I	II
Large fruited varieties	110 g	90 g	90 g
Other varieties	90 g	80 g	70 g

To ensure there is uniformity of size within a package, ~~the difference in diameter or individual fruit weight between fruit in the same package shall be limited to:~~

- For fruit **sized according to the diameter, the difference in diameter between fruit in the same package shall be limited to** ~~packed in rows and layers~~

- 5 mm for Extra Class fruit and for Class I and II fruit **packed in rows and layers**⁵

~~or~~

~~—— 20% of the average individual fruit weight in the package~~

- 10 mm for Class I fruit packed in bulk in the package or in consumer packages⁶

- For fruit sized according to the weight, the difference in weight between fruit in the same package shall be limited to ~~packed in bulk in the package or in consumer packages~~

~~10 mm for Class I fruit⁶~~
~~or~~

- [X] % of the average individual fruit weight in the package for Class Extra fruit and for Class I and II fruit packed in rows and layers

- 25 [Y] % of the average individual fruit weight in the package for Class I fruit packed in bulk in the package or in consumer packages

There is no sizing uniformity limit for Class II fruit packed in bulk in the package or in consumer packages.

Note : figures proposed (20 and 25%) should be further assessed in depth. In particular, the figure 20% for Extra Class fruit and Classes I and II fruit packed in rows and layers could be decreased, in order to be closer to the uniformity rule applicable in case of fruit sized according to the diameter.

V. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

A. Uniformity

Fourth subparagraph should be replaced by:

Sales packages of a net weight not exceeding 5 kilos may contain mixtures of apples of different varieties, provided they are uniform in quality and of the same degree of ripeness and, for each variety concerned, they are uniform in origin and size (if sized).

B. Packaging

First subparagraph

The apples must be packed in such a way as to protect the produce properly. **In particular, sales packages of a net weight exceeding 3 kilos shall be sufficiently rigid to ensure a proper protection of the produce.**

VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING LABELLING

B. Nature of produce

- "apples" if the contents are not visible from the outside,
- Name of the variety ~~or varieties (where appropriate)~~

- In the case of sales packages containing a mixture of apples of different varieties, names of the different varieties.

C. Origin of produce

- Country ~~or countries (where appropriate)~~ of origin and, optionally, district where grown, or national, regional or local place name

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