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**UNECE RECOMMENDATION FOR EARLY AND WARE POTATOES**

Proposals Transmitted by Belgium

**Note by the secretariat:** The following document contains proposals for the amendment of the UNECE Recommendation for Early and Ware Potatoes.

1. Change the name of the standard in 'UNECE Standard FFV-30 for POTATOES', so you don't have to repeat 'early and ware' all the time. Leave out in the complete standard 'early and ware'.
2. If so, next to the definition of early potatoes, should come a definition for ware potatoes. Or at least mention the two groups of potatoes meant in this standard.
3. A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 6, dash 2 : 'Cracks, ...' : make the maximum depth '5 mm' for early AND ware potatoes. Or is it really necessary to have 2 different depths, because of differences in skin ? It sure is difficult for the inspector (and the trade) to remember 2 different values. It would make the standard easier to read and to apply
4. A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 6, dash 3 : change 'pale green flush' in 'a pale green flush' (I suppose this is a bit hairsplitting, but I promised to make a remark on that)
5. A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 7 'grey, blue or black sub-epidermal stains; exceeding 5 mm in depth in the case of ware potatoes': cross out 'in the case of ware potatoes', because this should also be valid for early potatoes.
6. A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 9 'deep common potato scab and powdery potato scab of a depth of 2 mm or more in the case of ware potatoes' : cross out 'in the case of ware potatoes', because this should also be valid for early potatoes.
7. A. Minimum requirements (a), \$2, 'In the case of early potatoes a partial absence of the skin shall not be considered as a defect. Ware potatoes must be covered with well-formed skin.': I would like to put it with A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 2 'intact'.
8. A. Minimum requirements (a), \$3, 'In early potatoes no sprouting is allowed. Ware potatoes must be practically unsprouted, i.e. sprouts may be no longer than 3 mm' : I would like to put it with A. Minimum requirements (a), dash 'sprouting' (which was crossed out before).
9. IV. A. Quality tolerances (ii) : cross out the 2 dashes and replace with '2 per cent by weight of waste, of which a maximum of 1 per cent attached earth.' The standard would become easier to read and to apply if there would only be one value for waste/earth for Early and ware potatoes.