

UK Implementation of Reg 1580 (amended by 1221)

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New Standards

- Specific Marketing Standards Products (SMS)
- General Marketing Standards Products. (GMS)

Planning Before 01/07/09

- Consultation with trade and other bodies
Lead By DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs).
- Standard UK consultation period 3 months.
- Drawing up of new enabling legislation.
- Training
- Changes to Forms and IT system

Legislation

- It was decided that the enabling 1964 act used to enforce the EU grading regulations was out of Date.
- It will be repealed (remains active until new act passed)
- Will be replaced by a Statutory Instrument
The Marketing of Fresh Produce
Regulations 2009

Training on old SMS Products

- We have refresher courses twice per year.
- The implications were discussed during the first round of courses after 1580 was announced. (Autumn 2008)
- The Initial GMS line UK will apply to the 26 old SMS is has been trained during the (spring 2009) refresher courses.

Training on new GMS products

- The range of products which were covered was discussed during the first autumn 2008 refresher courses after 1580 was announced.
- During spring 2009 refresher courses initial training on GMS products not part of old regime

GMS application

- Grouping crops into categories. Principal agreed but groups not yet finalised.
- Root & Tuber Veg (carrot, swede, parsnip etc)
- Alliums (bulb onion, leek, garlic, salad onion etc)
- Green Veg (brassica cabbage, broccoli peas, beans etc)

GMS application

- Stone and Berry fruit (strawberries, blackberries, red currant, apricot etc)
- Melons (inc watermelon squash etc)
- Fungi
- Nuts

UK GMS Initial Brassica Training Guide

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INTERPRETATIVE NOTES - Cauliflower, Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts

Defect	Cauliflower	Cabbage	Brussels Sprouts
Flower Stem / Elongation	Not applicable	Up to 2/3rds the height of the cabbage, provided no flower/seed development has occurred.	Slight elongation of internal stem up to 2/3rds the length of the sprout
<i>Maturity</i> Disease	Pepper spotting not allowed. Ignore Alternaria spots on the leaves, a few spots not affecting condition on the curd.	A few spots not affecting overall appearance.	One or two spots covering no more than a total area of 1cm ²
<i>Not sound</i> Damage	A few side florettes may be missing. Small cuts across the head allowed.	Small cuts across the head allowed provided no more than three layers are affected.	Slight mechanical damage provided sprout remains largely intact.
<i>Intact</i> Soil – External	None on head. Soiling allowed on leaves and stalk but should not be excessive.	Soiling on the outer leaves, no clods.	Slight, no clods.
<i>Not clean</i> Hollow Butts / Trim	Hollow butts allowed if clean and dry.	Leaf stalks can be detached provided cut leaf surface remains reasonably fresh.	Heels and leaf stalks adhering are permissible
<i>Condition</i> Pest damage	Slight provided overall appearance is not affected.	Damage allowed not affecting overall appearance, no holes on the head.	Some, not more than two leaves deep and not affecting overall appearance.
<i>Pest damage</i> Pests present	2 or 3 small pests can be ignored.		
<i>Pests present</i>			

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GMS training

- All inspectors will have had a further 1 day course in applying GMS standards week commencing 22/06/2009

Changeover

- **National Closure of Peach 24/6 - 30/6.**
- Required to make all the changes to PEACH (UK pre notification of imports IT system) and eHMI (UK IT inspection system) system.
- New forms for GMS
- Changes to static data.
- Changes to the Customs profile.
- To ensure that there is no carry over of commodities to the new Regulation.
- We will not apply class to GMS even when there is a UNECE standard.

On 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009

- Specific Marketing Standards Products (SMS) will continue to be inspected as before.
- General Marketing Standards Products. (GMS) This will be an advisory period all treated the same including the 26 which previously had SMS. Advisory non enforcement documents will be issued

Retail Processing derogation

- We have yet to formalise how this product could pass through the marketing chain and how we could follow up if a trader wishes to send such product to retail.