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CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS TO REVISE STANDARDS

APPLES AND PEARS

LIST OF VARIETIES

Note by the secretariat

The following document was submitted by the delegation of Italy.

ECE STANDARD FOR APPLES AND PEARS

List of varieties of apples and pears

After consulting the professional sector, the delegation of Italy draws attention to the following proposals for changes and/or approvals regarding the list of varieties of apples and pears:

1. (a) In favour of the inclusion of the varieties **Fuji, Gala, Braeburn and mutations** in group B (1/3 coloured);
- (b) Opposed to the transfer of the varieties **Elstar, Jonagold and mutations** from group C (1/10 coloured) to group B (1/3 coloured). It is suggested that the two varieties should be left in group C, otherwise there would be a risk, depending on developments during the season, of having an over-ripe product which has spent too long on the tree to gain more "colour";
- (c) It is suggested that the varieties **Hillwell and Pink Lady** should be included in group B (1/3 coloured) instead of group A (1/2 coloured). For the cultivar Pink Lady the quality requirements have yet to be defined. However, it is felt that fruit with a spread of colour over 40-80 per cent of the fruit's surface should be marketed;

It is considered more appropriate to classify the cultivar Hillwell with the cultivar Braeburn, especially in the event that Braeburn is transferred from group C to group B.

2. In favour of the inclusion of the varieties **Hillwell and Pink Lady** in the list of large-fruited varieties.
3. In favour of the proposal that water-core should be accepted for the cultivar Fuji as formulated (25 per cent on harvesting).
4. In favour of the proposal that sizing should be defined in terms of diameter or weight.
5. For fruit classified in the "Extra" class, it is felt that there should be a tolerance of 10 per cent of stemless fruit.

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