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Perishable Produce and Quality Development

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Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables  
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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda

REVIEW OF THE CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION  
MELONS, WATERMELONS, AVOCADOS, GARLIC

Note by the Secretariat

The following proposal to harmonize the UN/ECE Standards with the standards of the European Union was submitted by the European Commission.

The European Commission proposes the following amendments of the UN/ECE standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

1. UN/ECE Standards FFV-23 for Melons

- a) In its French version of footnote 1, replace the terms "balaféré cicatrisée" by "cicatrice sèche".
- b) In chapter III "Provisions concerning Sizing":
- add Galia type to the Ogen type;
  - replace the text of the third and fourth indents by the following text:  
  
"When the size is expressed in terms of weight, the largest melon may not weigh over 50 per cent (30 per cent for the Charentais type melons) more than the smallest.  
  
When the size is expressed in terms of diameter, the diameter of the largest melon may not be over 20 per cent (10 per cent for Charentais type melons) more than the diameter of the smallest."
- c) In Chapter V "Provisions concerning Presentation", delete the text between brackets in the first indent.

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2. UN/ECE Standards FFV-37 for Watermelons

- a) In Chapter I "Definition of Produce", replace the botanical name by "*Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum, et Nakai*".
- b) In Chapter III "Provisions concerning Sizing", replace the text of the second indent by the following text:  
  
"When watermelons are presented in packages, the difference between the lightest and the heaviest unit in the same package should not exceed 2 kg or 3.5 kg if the lightest unit exceeds 6 kg."

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3. UN/ECE Standards FFV-42 for Avocados

- a) In Chapter II "Provisions concerning Quality" under C. "Classification", delete footnote 2
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4. UN/ECE Standard FFV-18 for Garlic

- a) In Chapter I "Definition of Produce", replace the second part of the sentence with the following text:

"Green garlic with full leaves and underdeveloped cloves and garlic for industrial processing being excluded".

- b) In Chapter V "Provisions concerning Presentation", replace the text of point C "Presentation" by the following text:

"Garlic must be presented as follows:

- i) loose in the package, with cut stems, the length of the stem not to exceed:

- 10 cm in the case of fresh and semi-dry garlic,
- 3 cm in the case of dry garlic

- ii) in bunches by:

- number of bulbs,
- net weight

The stems must be evened off.

- iii) in the case of dry and semi-dry garlic only, in strings by:

- number of bulbs, there being at least six bulbs per string
- net weight.

In the case of presentation in bunches or strings, each package must have uniform characteristics (number of bulbs or net weight).

Irrespective of the type of presentation, the stems must be cut cleanly, as must the roots in the case of dry garlic classified in the "Extra" class."