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PLUMS

Transmitted by the Ukraine

Note by the Secretariat : The following proposal is reproduced in the form in which it was submitted by the Ukraine.

Proposals

on introduction of the amendments into the UN/ECE Standard FFV-29 relating to the marketing and commercial quality control of plums.

1. Section 2² "Provisions Concerning Quality", sub-section A "Minimum requirements".

The words "practically free from pests and damage caused by pests" don't give the objective and correct quality characteristic.

During classification (sub-section B), it is advisable to give tolerance rates in respect of these indices.

2. Section 2², sub-section A "Classification".

The wordings "slight " and "very slight" don't allow to evaluate the index adequately, particularly in the case of disagreement between the supplier and the consumer.

It is advisable to show all rates of quality with the specific tolerances on two levels:

1-in the place of shipment, 2-in the place of destination.

It is better to give the rate of content of plums having such defects in the total mass of the produce.

3. Section IV. We think it is advisable to add the rates of allowed tolerances to "Provisions Concerning Tolerances", see "Provisions Concerning Tolerances", see sub-section A "Quality tolerances."

By analogy with the International Standard of CIS states (GOST-2/92) we give the approximate list of the indices and rates of permitted deviation.

Name of index	Rate for the Classes					
	Extra		I		II	
	Shipment place	Delivery place	Shipment place	Delivery place	Shipment place	Delivery Place
The content of plums (by mass or number) not corresponding in size, %, not more than	5	5	10	10	15	15
The content of plums not corresponding in shape, %, not more than	1,0	1,0	5,0	5,0	10,0	10,0
The content of plums with fresh cracks near the stalk, dents and pricks, %, not more than	Not permitted	2,0	5,0	10,0	7,0	15,0
The content of plums with healed cracks caused by pests, %, not more than	2,0	2,0	5,0	5,0	10,0	10,0
The content of rotten and green plums	not permitted					
Note: the total number of plums with different defects must not exceed:						
	5,0	8,0	10,0	15,0	25	30,0

The given rates are approximate and may be specified during discussion between the representatives of the countries participating in the work of the Section.