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PROPOSAL FOR THE REVISION OF STANDARD FFV-36 TOMATOES

Note by the secretariat

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Proposal for the revision of standard FFV-36 (Tomatoes)

1. Replace section I by the following:

“I. Definition of produce:

This standard applies to tomatoes of varieties (cultivars) grown from *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* (L.) *Karsten ex Farw.* to be supplied fresh to the consumer, tomatoes for industrial processing being excluded.

Tomatoes may be classified into four commercial types:

- ‘round’
- ‘ribbed’
- ‘oblong’ or ‘elongated’
- ‘cherry’ tomatoes (including ‘cocktail’ tomatoes).”

2. In section III (Provisions concerning Sizing), B (Sizing scale), replace the last line by the following:

“This sizing scale shall not apply to trusses of tomatoes.”

3. Section IV (Provisions concerning tolerances), A (Quality tolerances):

- Add the following to subparagraph (ii) (Class I):

“In the case of trusses of tomatoes, 5% by number or weight of tomatoes detached from the stalk.”

- Add the following to subparagraph (iii) (Class II):

“In the case of trusses of tomatoes, 10% by number or weight of tomatoes detached from the stalk.”

- Delete subparagraph (iv).

4. In section V (Provisions concerning presentation), A (uniformity), delete the third paragraph.

5. In section V (Provisions concerning presentation), add the following:

“C. Presentation:

The tomatoes may be presented as follows:

- (i) As individual tomatoes, with or without calyx and short stalk;
- (ii) As trusses of tomatoes, in other words, in entire inflorescences or parts of inflorescences, where each inflorescence or part of each inflorescence should comprise at least the following number of tomatoes:
 - 3 (2 if prepackaged) or
 - in the case of trusses of ‘cherry’ tomatoes, 6 (4 if prepackaged).”

6. In section VI (Provisions concerning marking), B (Nature of produce), replace the second sentence of the first requirement by the following:

“These details must always be provided for ‘cherry’ (or ‘cocktail’) tomatoes, whether in trusses or not.”
