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Addendum 4

**UNECE Recommendation For Ceps**

**Note by the secretariat:** This document is based on TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2005/14 and contains only the changes made to that document. The Specialized Section proposes to the Working Party to adopt it as a new UNECE Recommendation for a two-year trial period until 2007.

**UNECE RECOMMENDATION FFV-54**  
concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of

**CEPS**

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**II. A. Minimum requirements**

In all classes, subject to the special provisions for each class and the tolerances allowed, the ceps must be:

- positively identifiable
- firm
- **intact**; the stalk must be attached to the cap; the earth-soiled foot can be cut; **ceps cut in half along the longitudinal axis are regarded as intact**~~the presentation in halves is not regarded as a defect~~
- sound; produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is excluded
- free of mould
- practically free from pests
- practically free from damage caused by pests
- clean, practically free of any visible foreign matter, other than earth or soil on the foot
- free of abnormal external moisture
- free of any foreign smell and/or taste

The pore layer must not be **greenish or** green.

The development and condition of the ceps must be such as to enable them:

- to withstand transport and handling, and
- to arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination.

**B. Classification**

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**(iii) Class II**

This class includes ceps which do not qualify for inclusion in higher classes but satisfy the minimum requirements specified above. They must be characteristic of the species.

The following defects are allowed provided the ceps retain their essential characteristics as regards the quality, the keeping quality and presentation:

- damage caused by pests
- damage of the head
- traces of residual soil on the foot
- yellowish **or greenish** pore layer

Damaged parts and soft pore layer can be removed provided each cep retains its essential characteristics.