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Addendum 3

UNECE Standards for Artichokes, Onions, Peaches and Nectarines, Pears and Standard Layout

Note by the secretariat: This document contains amendments to the UNECE Standards for Artichokes, Onions, Peaches and Nectarines, Pears and to the Standard Layout.

Text on a grey background = new text

Struck-out text = text to be deleted.

Artichokes

1. In title I, the following paragraph should be added:

"The names 'Poivrade' and 'Bouquet' refer to young, cone-shaped artichokes of the violet type."

2. In title II, point A, the second paragraph reads as follows:

"The stems must be cut off cleanly and must not be longer than 10 cm. This latter provision is not applicable to artichokes packed in bunches, that is: made up of a certain number of heads fastened together around the stems, or to artichokes of the variety 'Spinoso'."

3. In title III, the following second paragraph should be added:

"The minimum diameter is fixed at 6 cm."

- 4. In title VI, point B, the following indent should be added:
 - "- 'Spinoso', where appropriate."

Onions

1. Point A in title V should read as follows:

"The contents of each package (or in each batch, for onions in bulk) must be uniform and contain only onions of the same origin, variety, quality and size.

However, sales packages, of a net weight not exceeding three kilos, may contain mixtures of onions of different colours, provided that they are uniform in quality, and, for each colour concerned, in origin, variety and size.

The visible part of the contents of the package (or in each batch, for onions in bulk) must be representative of the entire contents."

- 2. In title VI, points B and C should read as follows:
 - "B. Nature of produce
 - Onions' if the contents are not visible from the outside,
 - In the case of sales packages containing a mixture of different colours of onions:
 - Mixed onions' or equivalent designation,
 - If the contents are not visible from the outside, the indication of each of the colours present in the package and of the minimum number of pieces of each of the colours concerned.
 - C. Origin of produce

- Country of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.
- In the case of sales packages containing a mixture of onions of different colours and different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the colour concerned."

Peaches and nectarines

In title II, point A, the following third paragraph should be added:

"They must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness."

Pears

- 1. In title II, point B, paragraph (ii), third subparagraph, fourth indent, the second sub-indent should read as follows:
 - "- 1 cm² of total surface area for other defects, with the exception of scab (*Venturia pirina and V. inaequalis*), ..."
- 2. In title II, point B, paragraph (iii), third subparagraph, fourth indent, the second sub-indent should read as follows:
 - "- 2.5 cm² of total surface area for other defects, including slightly discoloured bruising, with the exception of scab (*Venturia pirina and V. inaequalis*) ..."
- 3. In title III, the word "Pears" should be deleted from the table.
- 4. In title VI, point D, paragraphs (a) and (b) should read as follows:
 - "(a) For produce subject to the uniformity rules, as minimum and maximum diameters;"
 - "(b) For produce not subject to the uniformity rules, the diameter of the smallest fruit in the package, followed by 'and over' or equivalent denomination or, if appropriate, the diameter of the largest fruit in the package."

Standard layout

In title V, point B, second paragraph, the following sentence should be added:

"Stickers individually affixed on product shall be such as, when removed, neither to leave visible traces of glue, nor to lead to skin defects."