

# **UNECE COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL QUALITY STANDARDS**

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# UNECE Commercial Agricultural Quality Standards

- Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards
- Who develops standards?
- How are they developed and for which products?
- Who uses them?



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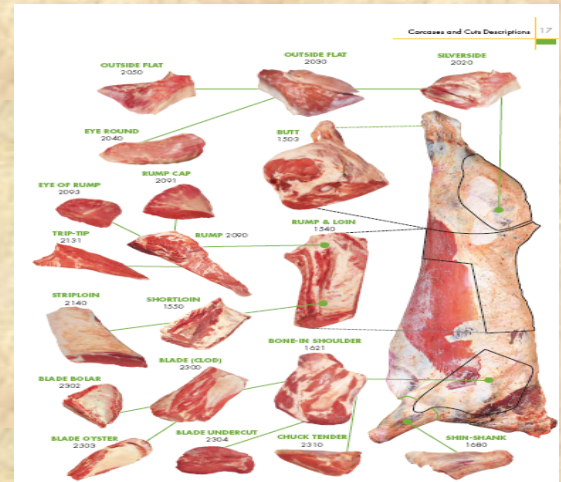
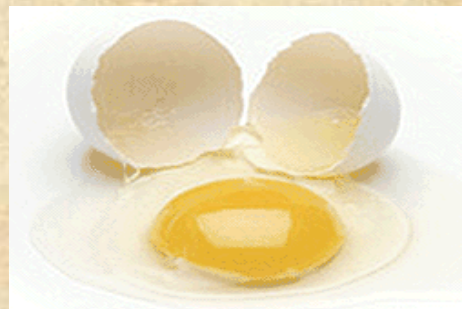
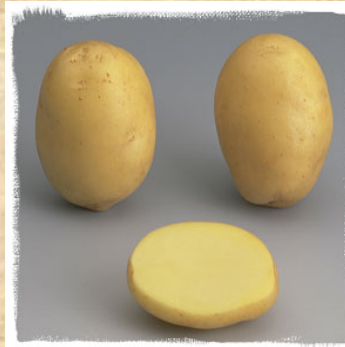
- Working Party + Specialized Sections
  - Dry and Dried Produce
  - Seed Potatoes
  - Meat
  - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- Equal rights for all UN Member States
- 60 years of work





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- Fruit, vegetables
- Dry produce
- Potatoes
- Meat
- Eggs
- Flowers



## **Purpose of standards**

- Facilitate international trade
- Create market transparency
- Promote quality agricultural products
- Keep unsatisfactory produce out of market
- Improve profitability
- Protect consumers



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## Users of standards

- Traders
- Producers
- Consumers
- Inspection services
- Voluntary vs obligatory





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## UNECE standards are used by

- EC Regulation 1580/2007
- Codex Alimentarius Committee on FFV
- OECD Scheme



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## **2008**

- 36 UNECE standards in EC regulations

## **2009**

- 10 UNECE standards in EC regulations
- General marketing standard



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## Minimum quality requirements (GMS)

- Intact
- Sound; products affected by rotting are excluded
- Clean
- Free from pests
- Free from damage caused by pest
- Free of abnormal external moisture
- Free of any foreign smell and/or taste



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## OECD and UNECE Interpretative Brochures

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

- intact:”

Tomatoes must not have any mutilation or injury spoiling the integrity of the produce.



**Damaged tomato - Not allowed**





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- **Help grading**
  - **Reduce risk of rejection**
  - **Resolve disputes**
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- **Countries invited to contribute**

UNECE Standard on the marketing  
and commercial quality control of



Sweet  
Peppers

*Explanatory Brochure*



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**UNECE STANDARD**

**OVINE MEAT**

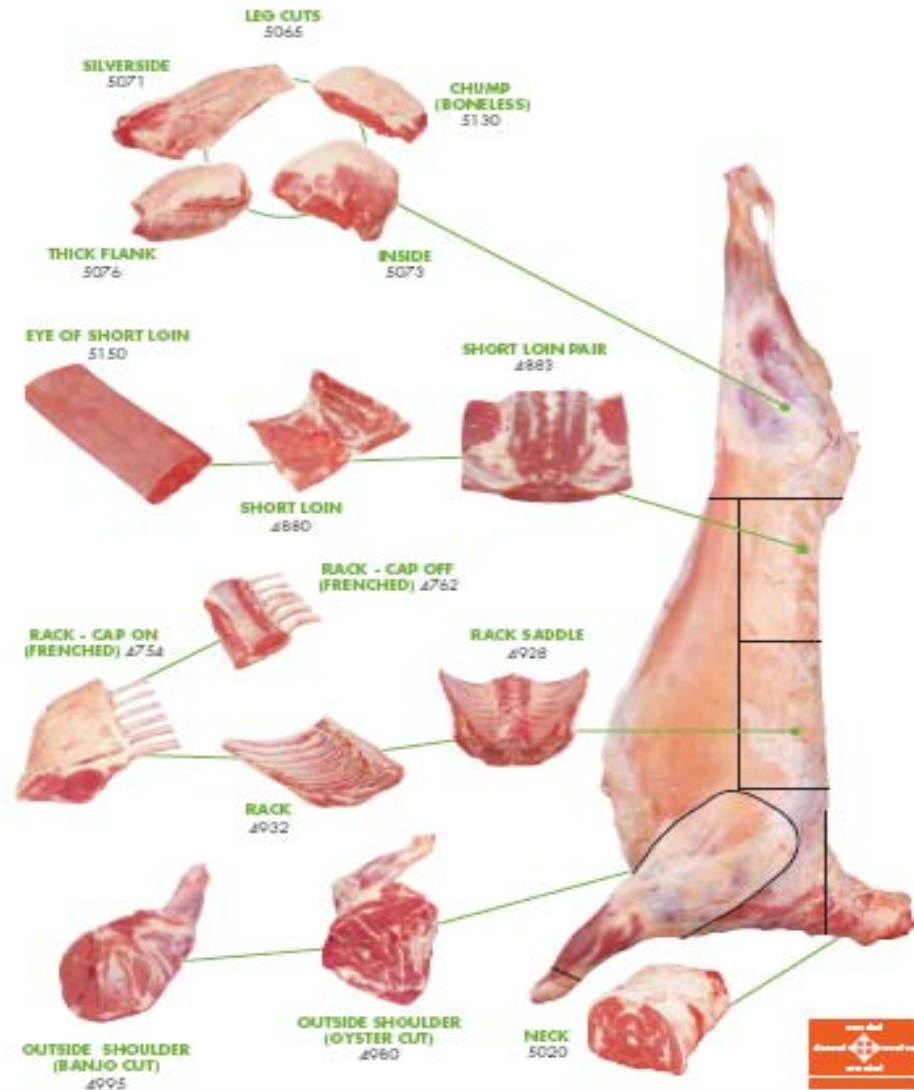
**CARCASES AND CUTS**

**2006 EDITION**



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5.3 Standard ovine primal cuts flow chart





## Standard for Seed Potatoes

- Unique reference covering all aspects of seed potato certification
- List of Diseases and Pest







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## List of Diseases and Pests

Disease	Agent	Status in UNECE Standard	Recommended diagnostic method	General disease description	Tuber symptoms	Plant symptoms
Potato wart disease	<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i>	Zero tolerance	Visual observation of tubers and stem base	Tuber: tumours Plant: tumours and galls on stolons and stem base		

- 35 Diseases
- 85 Pictures

[www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/potatoes/PestPicturesE.htm](http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/potatoes/PestPicturesE.htm)



## **Promotion and capacity-building**

- UN Development Account Fund
- Russian Voluntary Contribution Fund
- Other sources of financing

## **Interested partners**

## **List Servers**



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