

Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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**Implementation of UNECE standards at national level**

Note by the secretariat

1. To keep track of progress in the implementation of standards at the national level, the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7), at its sixty-second session in November 2006, “asked the secretariat to draw up, in consultation with the participants in WP.7 meetings, a draft list of questions to send out to countries every two years to collect information on the practical use of UNECE standards, no matter if they are mandatory or voluntary.” The delegations decided that “this list of questions should be discussed by every specialized section and then submitted to the Working Party for its approval” (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2006/20, para. 44).
2. Following that decision the secretariat has drawn up the questionnaire presented below. The specialized sections are invited to comment on this draft.

### Implementation of UNECE standards at national level

UNECE standards	They are		(if) Mandatory by means of		Applied			Agency (ies) responsible for inspection
	Mandatory since	Voluntary (*)	National legislation	EU legislation	At export from your country	At import to your country	In domestic trade	
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Apples								
Table grapes								
...								
<b>Dry and dried produce</b>								
Almond kernels								
Apples, dried								
...								
<b>Meat</b>								
Bovine								
Ovine								
...								
<b>Seed potatoes</b>								
...								

(\*) Please specify how widely they are used (put “W” for wide use, “L” for limited use).