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Revision of UNECE standards - Citrus fruit

Comments by the delegation of Italy

The following comments were submitted by the delegation of Italy.

UNECE Working Group on Citrus Fruit.

Dear chair and participants,

Italy thanks South Africa for leading the UNECE Working Group on Citrus Fruit. As agreed in the meeting held in Geneva, (6th November 2014) and after having consulted the Italian sector concerning the proposed changes to the Citrus Fruit UNECE standard, sections I. Definition of produce, and VI. Provisions concerning marking B. Nature of produce, Italy would like to transmit the following comments:

	WG PROPOSAL	RATIONALE/COMMENTS
1	For oranges: the name of the variety or variety group ⁴ is required 4For example: “Navels”, “Valencias”, “Sanguinelli”, “Tarocco”, etc.	Italy would prefer to label the name of the variety as it is in the current standard. But we could accept the name of the variety group for oranges as an option. Please note that for us “Tarocco” and “Sanguinello” are variety groups (see the list of varieties on website www.agrumicoltura.it) . The indication “Blood oranges” as a variety group could create a misunderstanding.
2	For all other mandarins and their hybrids: “ <i>Mandarins</i> ” or “ <i>Tangerines</i> ”, plus the variety name (or should the variety name be optional?)	For mandarins and clementines Italy prefer to maintain the indication of the name of the variety as compulsory.