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**Revision of UNECE standards**

### **Revision of UNECE standards - Tomatoes**

#### **Position of the Netherlands with respect to the UNECE Standard for Tomatoes (FFV-36)**

##### **Cherry/cocktail tomatoes:**

After having consulted the industry, we can agree with the proposed addition to the Definition of produce:

- The following commercial types are distinguished by their size:
- Cherry/cocktail tomatoes which may express all shapes mentioned above and whose maximum size is defined in section III Provisions concerning sizing.

Concerning the "provisions on sizing", the Netherlands would like to maintain the maximum diameter for loose cherry tomatoes as 40 mm.

However, in trusses of tomatoes we see that everything between about 30 mm to 47 mm is being called "truss cherry tomatoes" or "truss cocktail tomatoes"

So there we propose to define a different maximum diameter.

NB. It is not so clear why 45 mm is suggested for cherry tomatoes, while 47 mm is a known limit of a size class in the standard already.

Therefore we suggest:

- The following provisions shall not apply to trusses of tomatoes and are optional for Class II tomatoes, for cherry and cocktail tomatoes below 40 mm in diameter and for trusses of cherry/cocktail tomatoes below 47 mm in diameter.

*[Note: Maybe a better wording can be suggested by a native speaker.]*

If we would agree to this difference in maximum size between loose and truss, we would have to express this difference also under Definition of produce.

This would have to state then:

Cherry/cocktail tomatoes and trusses of cherry/cocktail tomatoes which may express all shapes mentioned above and whose maximum sizes are defined in section III Provisions concerning sizing.

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