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**Proposal to confirm or amend the UNECE Standard for
Avocados**

The following proposal to confirm or amend the UNECE Standard for Avocados (FFV-42, 2010) was submitted by the delegation of Spain.

Request from Spain to confirm or to amend the UNECE Standard for Avocados –FFV-42 (2010)

In these days, Spain has experienced a problem when applying the UNECE standard for avocados. The reason is that many companies in Spain are trading with mini avocados because are demanded in third markets. These kinds of avocados are of good quality but they don't comply with the provisions of the sizing. Hence, in order to cover these mini avocados, Spain would like to amend the current standard as follows:

III. Provisions concerning sizing

Size is determined by the weight or count of the fruit.

The minimum weight for avocados is 123 g except for Hass where it is 80 g and for Antillean varieties where it is 170 g.

To ensure uniformity in size between produce in the same package, the following provisions should be applied:

(a) For Antillean varieties

The weight of the smallest fruit shall be not less than 75 percent of the weight of the largest fruit in the same package.

(b) For other varieties the following size scale applies:

<i>Size code</i>	<i>Weight range (g)</i>
4	781 to 1220
6	576 to 780
8	456 to 576
10	364 to 462
12	300 to 371
14	258 to 313
16	227 to 274
18	203 to 243
20	184 to 217
22	165 to 196
24	151 to 175
26	144 to 157
28	134 to 147
30	123 to 137
S*	80 to 123 (Hass variety only)

* The difference between the smallest and largest fruit within a package should not be more than 25 g.

The size requirements shall not apply to miniature produce¹

¹ Miniature product means a variety or cultivar of vegetable, obtained by plant breeding and/or special cultivation techniques, excluding specimens of non-miniature varieties which have not fully developed or are of inadequate size. All other requirements of the standard must be met.