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Proposal to confirm or amend the UNECE Standard for Chicory

The following proposal to confirm or amend the UNECE Standard for Chicory (FFV-38, 2014) was submitted by the delegation of Germany.

Request from Germany to confirm or to amend the UNECE Standard for Chicory – FFV-38 (2014)

Working on the alignment of the OECD brochure for chicory, Germany as rapporteur noticed a problem. In Classes I and II the open tip is allowed for witloof chicory only. However, to illustrate the brochure, photos showing the open tips on red chicory have been submitted. The question is now, whether to allow or not open tips for red chicory. If the answer is yes, the text of the standard should be amended as follows:

B. Classification

ii) Class I

[...]

The following slight defects, however, may be allowed, provided these do not affect the general appearance of the chicory, the quality, the keeping quality and presentation in the package:

- less well-formed
- tips of ~~witloof chicory~~ less tightly closed, provided the diameter of the opening does not exceed one fifth of the maximum diameter of the chicory
- slight glassy to grey or reddish colouration in the tissue of the axis
- slight reddish patches on the outer leaves
- slight bruising.

iii) Class II

[...]

The following defects may be allowed, provided the chicory retains its essential characteristics as regards the quality, the keeping quality and presentation:

- slightly irregular shape
- slightly open tips; the diameter of the opening may not exceed one third of the maximum diameter of the chicory
- glassy to grey or reddish colouration in the tissue of the axis
- reddish patches on the outer leaves
- bruising.
- The following defects may be allowed for witloof chicory:
- slight greenish shade at the tip of the leaves.
- ~~slightly open tips; the diameter of the opening may not exceed one third of the maximum diameter of the chicory~~

The following defects may be allowed for red chicory:

- slight brown discoloration at the top of the leaves or pale colouration.
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