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**Revision of standards****Comments by the delegation from Belgium on size tolerances  
for cherries<sup>\*</sup>**

The following proposal on the minimum size for cherries was initially submitted to the 2017 session and discussions were postponed to the current meeting. Delegations are invited to review the proposal.

The delegation from Belgium considers this minimum size too small (cherries of 17 mm being no more than “a stone with a peel”). In practice, all cherries under 22 mm are not marketable. Retail is even asking for more than 28mm for premium cherries.

The delegation from Belgium would like to propose an increase of the minimum size for Extra Class to at least 22 mm.

Current provisions concerning sizing in the Standard for Cherries (FFV-13):

“Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section.

The minimum size shall be:

- 20 mm in ‘Extra’ Class
- 17 mm in Classes I and II.”

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\* Submitted on the above date to allow for confirmation of final proposal.