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Proposal to amend to the standard for Cauliflower and Broccoli

Proposal by the delegation of Sweden

The following informal document, submitted by Sweden, contains proposals by the delegation of Sweden for the cauliflower and broccoli standards:

Cauliflower – size expressed as minimum and maximum diameters or number of units

Cauliflower of the variety 'Fioretta'/'Fiorina' have very small heads and a length of 8-9 cm. They are often sold in trays and packed by weight. Since they are so small it's difficult to get the same number of units in the tray each time and it is also difficult to express the size as a minimum and maximum diameter since the variety is so small.

The delegation from Sweden would like to propose that 'Fioretta' are exempted from the marking provisions concerning size.

Broccoli – maximum length

Broccoli of the variety 'Broccoloco' is about 40 cm long and therefore longer than the 20cm maximum length in the standard. Also, the ratio between the diameter of the head and that of the floral stem (2:1) is not fulfilled.

The idea of this variety is that everything is meant to be used, including the stem.

The delegation from Sweden would like to propose an exception for this variety when it comes to sizing provisions or to delete the maximum length from the standard.
