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Root and tubercle vegetables *

Submitted by Germany

The following comments on the Standard for Root and Tubercle Vegetables were submitted by the delegation of Germany.

The document is prepared according to ECE/CTCS/2017/10 section II c and ECE/CTCS/2018/2 section VII a.

In the Provisions concerning quality, Classification (II B) of the standard:

In Class I,

“slight bruising and damage removable by normal peeling” is allowed;

In Class II,

“slight bruising and damage” is allowed.

When applying the standard, Class I is easy – the “slight bruising and damage” is limited to “removable by normal peeling”. However, when reading Class II, the question is the definition of “slight”. It is not possible to restrict the interpretation to “by normal peeling” as this is the limit for Class I. Even the deletion of “slight” in Class II would not clarify the situation. Would it be possible to clarify the situation for Class II – eventually by allowing:

“bruising and damage, provided leaving the root or tubercle is free from major defects”?

* Submitted on the above date to finalize the proposed text revisions.