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Comments by Freshfel Europe - Standard for Fresh Figs

Submitted by the secretariat

The following comments were received from Freshfel Europe for consideration by the Specialized Section.

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

Freshfel Europe has been approached by its members trading figs internationally. In most cases, these members are eager to use the UNECE standard which requires the indication of the size. In the UNECE standard, size is determined by diameter and indicated in mm.

In international trade, it is also customary to size fresh figs by weight and indicate the size in grams (minimum and maximum weight of the fruit).

Therefore, including the possibility of sizing by weight would simplify the packaging (and labelling) requirements in the international trade of fresh figs.