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Comment by the delegation of Belgium – List of varieties, apples

The following comments on the list of apple varieties were submitted by the delegation from Belgium:

Concerning the French request concerning the Kissabel variety and the russetting tolerances:

We have relatively little experience with the varieties that are or will be sold under the Kissabel name. Two(or3) varieties are sold under the name Kissabel®. Two of them are Kissabel®jaune (Y102) and Kissabel®rouge (R201). R201 is said to be russeted. On the other hand, we have also seen apples without russetting.

Based on the limited experience however, we cannot yet give a definite answer as to how bad this russetting is.

We suggest checking, in the course of the coming year, whether the russetting requirements need to be amended or not and take a decision next year based on more experience.
