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STANDARD LAYOUT/POINT OF APPLICATION

Proposal Transmitted by Germany

Note by the secretariat: At the last session of the Working Party the delegation of Germany offered to prepare a proposal based on the European Community regulations for a new wording in the standard layout to acknowledge the fact that UNECE Standards are applied in all stages of marketing.

Amend II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY as follows:

"The purpose of the standard is to define the quality requirements of ~~at the export control stage,~~ after preparation and packaging.

However, at stages following dispatch, products may show in relation to the requirements of the standard:

- a slight lack of freshness and turgidity,
- <for products graded in classes other than the 'Extra' class,> slight deterioration due to their development and their tendency to perish.

The standard shall apply at all marketing stages. The holder of products may not display such products or offer them for sale, or deliver or market them in any other manner than in conformity with this standard. The holder shall be responsible for observing such conformity."