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UNECE Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce

UNECE Sampling Plan for Tree Nuts and Dried Produce*

The following document contains the proposal by the delegation of Germany to amend the draft Sampling Plan submitted to the Working Party for adoption in November 2015 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/15) and sent back to the Specialized Section for further consultations. Proposed changes are highlighted.

* This document was submitted on the above date due to delayed input from delegations.

Comment:

In the draft ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/15, under section 2, “Sampling in dry and dried produce”: the size of the composite sample and the secondary sample is not appropriate for produce with large unit weights such as dried figs, dried apricots, etc.

Thus, it is proposed to amend the draft with respect to sections 2.2 and 2.3 as follows:

2.1 Size of the secondary sample

In the case of packed produce, secondary samples have to be taken from each primary sample to constitute the composite sample. The minimum size of the secondary sample taken from each primary sample shall be

- between 300 g and 1 kilo, in case the produce is packed loose in the package or
- 1 or more sales packages in case of produce packed in packages containing sales packages.

2.2 Size of the composite sample

The composite sample should be at least

- 3 kg in case of produce of a 100 units-weight of 1 kg or less
- 6 kg in case of produce of a 100 units-weight of more than 1 kg

Produce in the composite sample must be evenly mixed.

2.3 Size of the reduced sample

The reduced sample is taken from the composite sample and must comprise at least:

- 2 x 100 nuts in case of nuts in shell
 - 2 x 100 units in case of produce of a 100 units-weight of more than 1 kg
 - 2 x 1 kg ~~but at least 2 x 100 units~~ in case of nut kernels and dried produce of a 100 units-weight of 1 kg or less.
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