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**PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP NEW STANDARD FOR DRIED
PERSIMMON**

Proposals submitted by Central Asian Working Group
to promote the export of agricultural products from
Central Asia





Background

Central Asian Working Group to promote the export of agricultural products from the region agreed to coordinate with UNECE WG 7 **the development of a new standard for dried Persimmons** (September 25-26, 2019 Tashkent)



Definition of produce

Dried/sun-dried persimmons come from fresh persimmons of varieties (cultivars) originating from *Diospyros kaki*L., are supplied to consumers in dried form.

The composition and content of the produce

- up to 25% sucrose and glucose,
- provitamin A
- Apple acid,
- lemon acid,
- vitamin C,
- Vitamin P
- iron,
- calcium,
- copper,
- manganese
- potassium



1. Persimmon is one of the main fruit crops in the Central Asian countries, the production of persimmons only in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in 2018 reached more than 80 thousand tons.

	Total, in two countries		Uzbekistan*		Tajikistan**	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Production area, ha	4462	5299	3 392	4 129	1070	1170
Gross yield, tons	69517	80609	63 578	73 589	5939	7020

Source: * State Committee on Statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan, ** Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan ;.

2. The main channels of sales

In 2017, the volume of fresh persimmon exports reached more than 75 000 tons. The main share of export belongs to the Republic of Uzbekistan

Source: <https://www.trademap.org>

	Total		Uzbekistan		Tajikistan	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
081070 Fresh persimmons, tons	75412	57387	73 006	55 023	2406	2364
Dried peaches, pears, papaws "papayas", tamarinds and other edible fruits (excluding nuts, bananas, dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes, mangosteens, citrus fruit, grapes apricots, prunes and apples, unmixed, tons	4958	6234	3151	4936	1807	1298

Separate accounting for the export of dried persimmons is not carried out by the statistics authorities of the country, when declared, dried persimmons receive the code 081340

3. There is a strong demand for export

Main export markets (TOP 5)

Export from Tajikistan	Export from Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
Ukraine	Russia
UAE	Turkmenistan
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
	Belarus



3. There are not any international standards for dried persimmon:

Producers use UNECE standards FFV – 63



Goals and expectations of producers

- Uniform requirements for product quality will facilitate the trading procedure of dried persimmons for producers and exporters;
- Facilitation of entry to alternative, more profitable markets will in turn increase production and export volumes.