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REVIEW OF THE UN/ECE RECOMMENDATION
FOR WALNUT KERNELS

Transmitted by the United States

Note by the secretariat: The trial period for this recommendation, which was again extended in 2000, ends in November 2001. At the last session a working group (France, Italy, Spain, United States, INC) was formed to find solutions to the points still under discussion, namely: scuffing; marking of the crop year; commercial type; mould; colour chart. The present document was received from the United States of America.

The United States official position regarding scuffing and crop year is attached for your review and use. We have evaluated our industry members capacity to comply with scuffing and we believe that our position represents the processor's capability for machine shelled halves.

**UN/ECE SHELLED WALNUT STANDARDS
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCUFFING**

1. EXTRA CLASS:

PRESENT STD. **Hand Crack Halves** - (Scuffing on less than 5.0% of the "Halves" skin is not considered a defect.)

Hand Crack Halves to read as written above

Machine Crack Halves: - (Scuffing on less than 25% of the "Halves" skin is not considered a defect.)

2. CLASS I:

PRESENT STD. **Hand Crack Halves** - (Scuffing on less than one-fifth of the "Halves" skin is not considered a defect.)

Hand Crack Halves to read as written above

Machine Crack Halves: (Scuffing on less than 50% of the "Halves" skin is not considered a defect.)

3. CLASS II:

PRESENT STD. **Hand Crack Halves**- (Scuffing on less than one-third of the "Halves" skin is not considered a defect.)

Hand Crack Halves to read as written above

Machine Crack Halves: (Scuffing on "Halves" Kernels is not considered a defect.)

"CROP YEAR" - TO BE OPTIONAL!