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NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR EARLY AND WARE POTATOES

Transmitted by Poland

Note by the Secretariat: At the last session, delegations were invited to provide their national legislation for early and ware potatoes to the UN/ECE secretariat.

EARLY POTATOES PN-75R-74454**I. Definition of Produce**

This standard applies to “Early potatoes” harvested before completely mature, marketed immediately after their harvesting and whose skin can be easily removed without peeling.

II. Provisions Concerning Quality Minimum Requirements

The potato should be:

- uniform of the same variety
- sound; produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is excluded
- practically clean
- firm
- free of external or internal defects

III. Provisions Concerning Sizing Size of the Tuber is determined by square mesh

Tuber must have:

- a minimum size to 20 July 28 mm
- a minimum size from 21 July 35 mm

IV. Provisions Concerning Tolerances a Quality Tolerances

Table 1

Quality tolerances % by weight

Faults	% by weight
Mineral waste	2
Size tolerances	3
Other varieties	2
Green colouration	1
Internal and external damage	2
Tubers affected by wet or dry rot	2
Total %by weight of tubers not satisfying the minimum requirement	5

V. Commercial Specification

- Net weight
- Packer and /or Dispatcher name
- Date of harvesting

WARE POTATOES PN-75-R-74450

I. Definition of Produce

This standard applies to ware potatoes of varieties different of earliness harvested in completely mature to be supplied fresh to the consumer.

II. Provisions concerning Quality

Minimum requirements

Subject to the tolerance allowed the tubers should be:

- uniform of the same variety,
- sound: produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is \$ excluded
- covered with well-formed skin
- free of green colouration
- free of frost damage
- practically unsprouted, i.e. sprouts may be no longer than 5 mm
- free of external or internal defects such as:
 - brown stains due to heat
 - cracks, cuts, bites, bruise exceeding 5 mm in depth
 - grey, blue or black sub-epidermal stains, exceeding 5 mm in depth
 - hollow or black harts, rust stains and other internal defects
 - deep common potato scab of the depth of 3 mm or more
 - superficial common potato scab; scab spots in all must not extend over more than a quarter of the tuber

III. Provisions concerning sizing

Size of the tuber is determined by square mesh.

Tuber must have:

- width square > 40 mm
- length square > 45 mm

IV. Provisions concerning tolerances

Quality tolerances % by weight

Faults	% by weight
Mineral waste	1
Mechanical damage (internal and external)	3
Green discoloration and internal defects	2
Unmature tubers	2
Other varieties	2
Deformation	3
Size	2
Superficial common scab	3
Wet or dry rot	1
Total % by weight of tubers not satisfying the minimum requirement	8

V. Presentation

Ware potatoes must be packed in appropriate packages.

The other characteristics – packer and/or dispatcher, variety, country of origin, type and net weight must be conformable to the contract.