



**71<sup>st</sup> Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards  
Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**



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**New Standard for Lambs Lettuce FFV-60**

- development of a standard started in 2012
- recommendation checked and revision completed
- special provisions to determine the tolerances deleted.
- Class I: rosettes must be uniform in colour and size.
- Indication of variety is optional.



✓ Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/5  
Requested for approval as new standard

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### New Standard for Persimmons FFV-63

- development of a standard started in 2012
- explanatory brochure developed in parallel
- recommendation checked and revision completed
- intersessional procedure whether “corky lines” was the correct term for skin defects in Classes I and II. No consensus reached for the deletion of “corky”. The version agreed by the Specialized Section remains untouched.
- Sizing provisions expanded to cover larger sizes.

✓ Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/6  
Requested for approval as new standard

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### New Brochure on Persimmons




- development of a brochure started in 2013
- two workshops: 2013 in Spain, 2014 in Italy
- draft text and photos agreed with the exemption of 4 photos illustrating skin defects and limit allowed for Class I
- intersessional procedure did not achieve consensus
- 6 photos need to be approved by the Specialized Section
- Requested for approval as new explanatory brochure

WP.7 agreed to a second intersessional procedure to approve the missing photos

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### Standard for Sweet Chestnuts FFV-60



- ✓ Standard revised
  - Allowance to market un-septate nuts under a special commercial denomination (e.g. "Marrons")
  - No tolerance for surface mould
  - Minimum size: lowered from 25 to 20 mm intersessional procedure
  - Introduction of a more practical table of tolerances
- ✓ Revision as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/7  
Requested for approval as revised standard.

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### Standard for Truffles FFV-53

- correction of common names in the English version
  - Table of species covered by the standard with common names, latin names and reference for these names in English, French and Russian harmonized
- ✓ Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/8  
Requested for approval as amended standard

WP.7 returned these amendments to the Specialized Section

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**Standard for Garlic FFV-18**

- **Class I: staining on the outer skins of the bulb (max. 25 % of the bulb surface) – max. 25 % of the bulbs.**
- **Class II: staining on the outer skins of the bulb (max. 50 % of the bulb surface within the tolerances of Classes I and II.**
- **Class II: up to 2 cloves may be affected by a non-progressive damage (e.g. shrivelling and waxing).**

✓ **Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/9  
Requested for approval as amended standard.**

**WP.7 returned these amendments to the Specialized Section**

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**Standard for Tomatoes FFV-36**

- **definition of commercial types corrected and restricted to the shape of tomatoes (round, oblong, ribbed).**
- **uniformity in size is optional for tomatoes below 40 mm in diameter such as cherry/cocktail tomatoes and other miniature varieties.**
- **labelling requirements for the nature of produce mandatory only if the produce is not visible from the outside.**
  - **wording improved during intersessional procedure**

**If the contents are not visible from the outside the following must be indicated:**

- **“Tomatoes” or (where appropriate) “trusses of tomatoes” or equivalent denomination and the commercial type, or**
- **“Cherry/cocktail tomatoes” or (where appropriate) “trusses of cherry/cocktail tomatoes” or equivalent denomination for other miniature varieties.**

✓ **Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/10  
Requested for approval as amended standard**

**WP.7 returned these amendments to the Specialized Section**

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**Standard for Watermelons FFV-37**

- Extra Class included

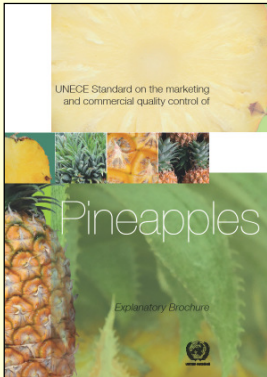
✓ Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/11  
Requested for approval as amended standard




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**Standard Layout for UNECE Explanatory Brochures  
on Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

- To facilitate future development of brochures and to ensure a uniform guidance and application of standards.

✓ Standard as in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2015/12  
Requested for approval as new standard layout for explanatory brochures.

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✓ **Work in progress**

- apples – list of varieties, sizing provisions
- citrus fruit – labeling mandarin group
- headed cabbages – flowering stem in Classes I and II
- table grapes – tolerance for loose berries
- tomatoes (cherry tomatoes: definition, max. size)
- truffles (definition of produce – English version)
- garlic (staining, physiological disorders)
- aubergines, ware potatoes, leeks – possible alignment to CCFFV standards or OECD brochures
- glossary of terms
- standard layout – revision, tolerances
- check standards for provisions provoking unnecessary food waste





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