

COMMERCIAL AND MARKETING QUALITY **OF PRUNES**

DEFINITION & CLASSIFICATION





This Poster applies to prunes from certain varieties of plums grown from Prunus domestica L. considered suitable for drying to be supplied for consumption or mixing with other products for consumption, without further processing

According to their type of presentation, prunes are classified to whole prunes are classified in one class, called "PRUNES" - "Class I" and prunes without pits are classified into two classes: "Prunes without pits" - "Class I" and "Pressure-pitted prunes" - "Type E" or "Class II".

The classification is determined in accordance with defects allowed in the Standard's section "IV. Provisions concerning tolerances".



QUALITY DEFECTS

NON-**CHARACTERISTIC** COLOUR AND TEXTURE





SLIGHT DECAY, MOULD





END CRACKS





FRUIT INFECTED **BY INSECTS** OR MITES





SKIN OR FLESH **DAMAGE**





FOREIGN MATTER OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN (EXCEPT WHOLE PITS AND FRAGMENTS OF PITS FOR PITTED PRUNES)





CALLOUSES AND HEAT **INJURY**





WHOLE PITS FOR PITTED **PRUNES**





INSECT DAMAGE





FRAGMENTS OF PITS FOR PITTED **PRUNES**





FERMENTATION



- The UNECE Standard for Prunes can be downloaded from the following web site:
 - www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.html
 - The UNECE standard are published in three official languages of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: English, Russian and French. Should any discrepancies be found between official version of Poster with national language versions, English and Russian version should prevail.