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Revision of standards**Proposal by the delegation of Spain to amend the standard
for onions *****Submitted by the secretariat**

The following proposals (highlighted) were submitted by the delegation of Spain for consideration by the Specialized Section.

For reference to earlier discussions, please consult the Specialized Section's 2019 report as well as the post-session document. Both are available at: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50593>.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2019/10 section IV, ECE/CTCS/2019/2 Decision 2019-8.6, and A/75/6 (Sect.20) and supplementary information.

Proposal: The Spanish industry of onions would like to amend the UNECE standard for onions FFV-25 in order to increase the range in size between onions permitted in the same package.

Reason: The Spanish exporting sector of onion would like to increase the range in size between onions permitted in the same package as they have an ever-increasing demand of onions with range in size of 60mm to 90mm or 55 to 85 mm in the same package. This request of importers can't be done as the current provision in the standard doesn't allow this. Therefore, they would like to consider this topic to be discussed in the next meeting.

Under Section III. Provisions concerning sizing

Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section.

The minimum diameter shall be 10 mm.

To ensure uniformity in size, the range in size between produce in the same package shall not exceed:

* Submitted late due to secretariat resource constraints.

- 5 mm where the diameter of the smallest onion is 10 mm and over but under 20 mm. However, where the diameter of the onion is 15 mm and over but under 25 mm, the difference may be 10 mm
- 15 mm where the diameter of the smallest onion is 20 mm and over but under 40 mm
- 2030 mm where the diameter of the smallest onion is 40 mm ~~or over but under 70 mm.~~
- ~~30 mm where the diameter of the smallest onion is 70 mm or over.~~
