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Revision of standards**Proposal by the delegation of Sweden to amend the standard for broccoli *****Submitted by the secretariat**

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

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.

The present text of the standard for broccoli under Section II. Provisions concerning quality A. Minimum requirements reads:

Hollow stems are not considered a defect provided the hollow part is sound, fresh and not discoloured.

As hollow broccoli stems may be discoloured, Sweden proposes:

Hollow stems are not considered a defect provided the hollow part is sound and fresh ~~and not discoloured~~.

Motivation: Under some periods the stems are hollow (typical for the beginning of the season and due to rain) and it is inevitable that there are discolorations after harvest. This oxidation has only a cosmetic effect inside the stem and does not affect the crown at all. It is proposed to amend the standard accordingly.

* Submitted late due to secretariat resource constraints.