

Report of the 69th Session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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In attendance 27 countries i.e.:

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

Additional:

- Commission of the European Union
- OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit & Vegetables
- Freshfel Europe; Eucofel; Driscoll's Europe; Embrapa Brazil; Fruit & Vegetables Europe; Interfel France

Pomegranates – new standard



- Proposal to develop standard based on Codex standard
- Need – no legal basis for labeling size and class for pomegranates
- No UNECE standard
- Aligned with standard layout of UNECE Standards for FFV
- Standard contained in ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2021/28 for approval and adoption by WP.7

- **Minimum requirements:**

- deleted “i.e. **sufficiently dried after washing**”.
- added “**In case of carrots with leaves, these must be sound, fresh and clean. The foliage may be trimmed**”.

- **Extra Class & Class 1**

- deleted “**If presented with leaves, leaves must be fresh in appearance**”.

- **Class 2**

- added “**In case of carrots with leaves, the foliage may be slightly discoloured.**”
- added “**some secondary roots**”
- added “**In case of carrots with leaves, the foliage may show some discolouration**”.
- amended “**forked**” to allow one fork with two tips - clarity

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- **Minimum requirements**
 - Requirement for “green” in relation to the calyx was deleted

- **Classes 1 & 2**
 - added “dried calyx, provided the fruit is fresh and sound”.

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■ Provisions concerning sizing

Size is determined by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section **or by count**. The minimum size shall be 40 mm.

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

- 5 mm for fruit packed in rows and layers
- 10 mm for fruit loose packed in the package.

(b) **For fruit sized by count, the difference in size should be consistent with (a)s.**

■ Commercial specifications

- Added or number of fruit.

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Chinese cabbage



- **Minimum requirements**
 - deleted “free from freezing damage”

- **Class 1**
 - deleted “well formed”

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- **Provisions concerning sizing**

- substituted “**piece**” with “**cucumber**”

- **Provisions concerning marking**

Commercial specifications

- added “**or number of cucumbers or mini-cucumbers, in case of cucumbers below 180g**”

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Classification

■ Class 1

- Deletion - slight skin defects ~~due to rubbing or handling~~, of which the total area affected must not exceed one sixteenth of the surface of the fruit.

■ Class 2

- Substituted - This class includes watermelons that do not qualify for [inclusion in Class 1](#) but satisfy the minimum requirements specified above.”

with

“This class includes watermelons that do not qualify for inclusion in the [higher classes](#) but satisfy the minimum requirements specified above.”

- Deletion - skin defects ~~due to rubbing or handling or to damage by pests or diseases~~, of which the total area affected must not exceed one eighth of the surface of the fruit

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Quality tolerances for Class 2

- Within ~~this~~ the 10 per cent tolerance, fruit split at the stalk cavity and fruit with split stones are allowed.

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Minimum requirements

- intact; however, cauliflower may be presented “with leaves”, “without leaves”, or “trimmed” provided they comply to the following provisions:
 - “trimmed”: cauliflower with a sufficient number of leaves left on to protect the head. These leaves must be healthy and green and **may be** trimmed ~~to not more than 3cm from the top of the head~~. The stem must be cut off slightly below the protecting leaves.

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IV Provisions concerning tolerances - Foot note added:

- At all marketing stages, tolerances in respect of quality and size shall be allowed in each lot for produce not satisfying the requirements of the class indicated³.
- A conformity check shall be made by assessing primary or composite samples. It is based on the principle of presumption that the quality of the randomly taken samples is representative of the quality of the lot. The application of the OECD Operating Rules for Conformity Checks are recommended for application - also by operators - at the stages of dispatch as well as in wholesale and distribution centres of food retail. <http://www.oecd.org/agriculture/fruit-vegetables/publications/oecd-fruit-and-vegetables-rules.htm>

VI Provisions concerning marking

- These marking provisions do not apply to sales packages presented in packages **bearing these particulars**. However, they do apply to sales packages (pre-packages) presented individually.

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- **Peas Standard**
- **Standard Layout**
 - Request to allow P.O. Box instead of physical address of packer/dispatcher/exporter
- **Brochure for persimmons**
 - Illustrations on internal browning
- **Leafy vegetables**
 - Inclusion of pakchoi (*Brassica rapa* L. subspecies *chinensis* (L.)
- **Other future work proposals to be forwarded to the FFV Secretariat by 1 February 2022**



Thank you!

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