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**Review of existing standards:****New proposals****Proposal by the delegation of Germany to amend the  
standard for sweet chestnuts****Submitted by the delegation of Germany**

The following proposal was submitted to the Specialized Section for consideration.

**I. Proposal**

Germany proposes the following changes to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Standard FFV-39 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of sweet chestnuts.

**Under section I. Definition of produce:**

“This standard applies to sweet chestnuts in the shell but with the spiny husk removed of varieties (cultivars) grown from *Castanea sativa* Mill. (sweet chestnuts, Spanish chestnut), *Castanea crenata* Siebold et Zucc. (Japanese chestnuts), *Castanea mollissima* Blume (Chinese chestnut) and their hybrids, to be supplied fresh to the consumer, sweet chestnuts for industrial processing being excluded.

Sweet chestnuts with non-septate nuts may be marketed under a special commercial denomination (e.g. marrons)”

**Under section VI. Provisions concerning marking B. Nature of produce**

- “Sweet chestnuts”, “Spanish chestnuts”, ~~or~~ “Japanese chestnuts” or “Chinese chestnuts” if the contents are not visible from the outside
- “Marrons” for non-septate nuts where applicable
- Name of the variety (optional).’



## II. Justification

1. Chinese chestnuts are currently being traded as substitutes for other types of chestnuts. In view of this development, the marketing standards should also be applied to Chinese chestnuts.
  2. “Spanish chestnut” is a commonly used name for *Castanea sativa*.
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