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Dried persimmons, proposal by the delegation of Germany

Submitted by the delegation of Germany

The following proposals (underlined) are submitted for consideration by the Specialized Section.

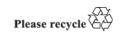
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Proposal

Section IV. Provisions concerning tolerances

At all marketing stages, tolerances in respect of quality and size shall be allowed in each lot for produce not satisfying the minimum requirements of the class indicated.

		Tolerances allowed, percentage of defective produce, by number or weight		
Defects allowed		Extra	Class I	Class II
(a)	Tolerances for produce not satisfying the minimum requirements	10	15	25
	of which no more than:			
	mouldy, and fermented	3	5	5
	of which mouldy, no more than	1	1	1
	damaged by pests	2	4	6
	sun scald, sun burn, excessively dried	5	8	10
	split or torn, in whole style only	5	8	10
	Living pests	0	0	0
	Hardened areas from 1/8 of the surface	<u><5%</u>	<10%	<10%
(b)	Size tolerances (if sized)			_





	For produce not conforming to the size indicated, in total	10	10	10
(c)	Tolerances for other defects			
	Foreign matter (by weight)	0.5	1	1
	Dried persimmons belonging to other-species, varieties or commercial types other than those indicated,	10	10	10
	Presence of pits and pit fragments among pitted (by number)	1	1	2
	Presences of loose and/or adhering peel/skin among peeled whole persimmon	1	2	2

Justification

- 1) The proposed added tolerance under (a) refers to the minimum requirement "sound" ("<u>hardened areas</u>"). "<u>Hardened area</u>" means that this part of the fruit is not edible and therefore the occurrence in the lot should be reduced.
- 2) The tolerance "Presence of pits and pit fragments among pitted" under (c), should be applied by number because the size of pits varies a lot.

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