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Standard for Apples (FFV-50)

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The following proposal was prompted by different interpretations of the provisions on uniformity in size for fruit packed in sales packages and has resulted in a general simplification of the uniformity provisions.

III. Provisions concerning sizing

Size is determined either by the maximum diameter of the equatorial section or by weight.

The minimum size shall be 60 mm, if measured by diameter, or 90 g, if measured by weight. Fruit of smaller sizes may be accepted if the Brix level of the produce is equal to or greater than 10.5° Brix and the size is not smaller than 50 mm or 70 g.

To ensure uniformity in size, the range in size between produce in the same package shall not exceed⁴:

- (a) For fruit sized by diameter:
- 5 mm for “Extra” Class ~~fruit and for Classes I and II fruit packed in rows and layers~~⁵

⁴ Reservation by the United States: Due to differences in the national legislation that allows the uniformity by diameter up to 12.5 mm for all apples irrespective of their size and/or class.

⁵ However, for apples of the varieties Bramley's Seedling (Bramley, Triomphe de Kiel) and

- 10 mm for Class I ~~fruit packed loose in the package or in sales packages.~~⁶

(b) For fruit sized by weight:

- For “Extra” Class ~~and Class I and II fruit packed in rows and layers:~~

<i>Range (g)</i>	<i>Weight difference (g)</i>
70-90	15
91-135	20
136-200	30
201-300	40
> 300	50

- For Class I ~~fruit packed loose in the package or in sales packages:~~

<i>Range (g)</i>	<i>Weight difference (g)</i>
70-135	35
Range (g) Weight difference (g) 136-300	70
> 300	100

There is no sizing uniformity requirement for Class II ~~fruit packed loose in the package or in sales packages.~~

⁶ Horneburger, the difference in diameter may amount to 10 mm.

⁶ However, for apples of the varieties Bramley's Seedling (Bramley, Triomphe de Kiel) and Horneburger, the difference in diameter may amount to 20 mm.