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Texts for adoption as new/revised UNECE standards / recommendations

Citrus fruit – comments by South Africa

UNECE standards

Current UNECE standard	Proposed standard (Germany)	Soft Citrus Focus Group, South Africa Proposed standard
<p>Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside</p> <p>"Mixture of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species</p> <p>Name of the variety, for oranges For the mandarins group: Satsumas: "Satsumas", which may be followed by the variety Clementines: "Clementines", which may be followed by the variety and, where appropriate, by either the indication "seedless" for seedless clementines (no seeds), clementines (1 to 10 seeds), or clementines "with seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds</p>	<p>To simplify the marking provisions in the Standard for Citrus Fruit the delegations agreed to reword section VI. B (Nature of produce) to read:</p> <p>Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside, but obligatory for satsumas and clementines</p> <p>"Mixtures of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species</p> <p>Name of the variety for oranges, all hybrids of the mandarin-group and mandarins other than satsumas and clementines, for which the indication is optional</p> <p>"With seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit</p> <p>"Seedless" (optional)</p>	<p>To simplify the marking provisions in the Standard for Citrus Fruit the delegations agreed to reword section VI. B (Nature of produce) to read:</p> <p>*1. Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside, but obligatory only for satsumas and clementines when they are presented as such, but not when presented as generic Mandarins.</p> <p>2. "Mixture of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species</p> <p>*3. Name of the variety for oranges and all other hybrids of the mandarin-group (unless presented as mandarins) other than satsumas and clementines, for which the indication is optional</p> <p>"With seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit</p> <p>"Seedless" (optional)</p>

Motivation for new wording:

***1.** Under certain circumstances when Clementines are marketed as Mandarins or Tangerines, e.g. when the market does not differentiate between Mandarin varieties, or when seed content exceeds acceptable levels for the UK, then these varieties can still be marketed under the generic term "Mandarins" or "Tangerines". The reasoning for this is that both Satsumas and Clementines are a type of mandarin. Note that the opposite is not intended, i.e. it is not intended to market Nova as "Clementine".

***3A.** In many markets, it is important that a mandarin-hybrid can be marketed as "Mandarin" if so desired. The reasoning for this is that other mandarin-hybrids, e.g. Sonet, Kiyomi, Primosole, etc., are also a type of mandarin. Note that there is already provision for this in clause 3.

***3B.** The use of new or unusual variety names, e.g. Sonet, can be confusing in certain markets. Therefore, it is important that a mandarin-hybrid can be marketed as "Mandarin" if so desired. Note that there is already provision for this in clause 3.