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#### Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Texts for adoption as new/revised UNECE standards/recommendations

## Summary of changes to standards

### Submitted by the secretariat

The Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables submitted the following amendments to standards for adoption by the Working Party.

#### 1. Standard for apples (FFV-50)

Add the following text at the beginning of the second paragraph of the annex: “The mutant column may include names which might have received a varietal protection in some countries. However, it remains only mandatory to indicate the source variety.”

#### 2. Standard for pears (FFV-51)

Remove reference to the type of packaging in the provisions on uniformity in size as follows:

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

- (a) For fruit sized by diameter:
  - 5 mm for “Extra” Class
  - 10 mm for Class I.
- (b) For fruit sized by weight:
  - for “Extra” Class:

<i>Range (g)</i>	<i>Weight difference (g)</i>
75 – 100	15
100 – 200	35
200 – 250	50
> 250	80

- for Class I:

<i>Range (g)</i>	<i>Weight difference (g)</i>
75 – 100	25
100 – 200	50
> 200	100

There is no sizing uniformity limit for Class II.”

### 3. Standard for tomatoes (FFV-36)

Reword the second paragraph of Section “III. Provisions concerning sizing” to read: “The following provisions shall not apply to trusses of tomatoes and are optional for cherry and cocktail tomatoes below [35/40] mm in diameter and for Class II.”

### 4. Standard for leafy vegetables (FFV-58)

Simplify the provision on “roots” and “trimming” for Class I to read: “Leafy vegetables presented in rosettes must be free from root tufts.” Delete that provision for Class II.

### 5. Standard for plums (FFV-29)

Add the following four new varieties to the list of large-fruited varieties: Aynali, Havran, Kebap, Papaz.

### 6. Standard for mangoes (FFV-45)

Lower the minimum weight from 150 to 100 g and introduce corresponding corrections to the table on size uniformity. Section “III. Provisions concerning sizing” shall read:

“Size is determined by the weight of the fruit or by count.

The minimum weight of mangoes shall be 100 g.

To ensure uniformity in size, the following provisions must be respected:

<i>Size code</i>	<i>Weight in grams</i>	<i>Maximum permissible difference between fruit within the package in grams</i>
A	100 - 350	75
B	351 - 550	100
C	551 - 800	125
D	> 800	150

For mangoes sized by count, the difference in size in the package should be consistent with the above table.”

Revise the provisions related to bruises and lenticels for Classes I and II as follows:

(ii) Class I

- slight skin defects due to rubbing or sunburn and suberized stains due to resin exudation (elongated trails included) not exceeding 3, 4, 5, 6 cm<sup>2</sup> for size groups A, B, C, D respectively
- slight bruising
- scattered rust-coloured lenticels.

(iii) Class II

- skin defects due to rubbing or sunburn and suberized stains due to resin exudation (elongated trails included) not exceeding 5, 6, 7, 8 cm<sup>2</sup> for size groups A, B, C, D respectively
- bruising
- scattered rust-coloured lenticels.

Restructure Section VI. D. Commercial specifications to read:

- Class
- Size expressed by at least one of the following:
  - minimum and maximum weight
  - size code
  - number of fruit.

**7. Standard for watermelons (FFV-37)**

Delete references to the minimum weight in the sections on sizing provisions and size tolerances.

**8. Standard for cultivated mushrooms (FFV-24)**

Add the following provision to the list of defects allowed in Class I: “very slight internal moisture of the stalk”.

**9. Standard for citrus fruit (FFV-14)**

Reword Section “VI. B. Nature of produce” to read:

Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside, but obligatory for satsumas and clementines

- "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
- 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
- "With seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit
- "Seedless" (optional)
- For grapefruit and hybrids: the indication "pink" or "red", where appropriate
- For pummelos and hybrids: the indication "pink" or "red", where appropriate.

**10. Standard for melons (FFV-23)**

Amend the text of the standard as follows:

Section V. A. Uniformity

“However, a mixture of melons of distinctly different varieties and/or commercial types may be packed together in a package provided they are uniform in quality and, for each variety or commercial type concerned, in origin.”

Section VI. B. Nature of Produce

“Mixture of melons”, or equivalent denomination, in the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties or commercial types of melons. If the produce is not visible from the outside, the varieties and/or commercial types and the quantity of each in the package must be indicated.”

Section VI. C. Country of Origin

“In the case of a mixture of distinctly different varieties and/or commercial types of melons of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the variety or commercial type concerned.”

**11. Standard for leeks (FFV-21)**

Delete “Size (if sized)” from Section “VI. D. Commercial specifications”.

**12. Standard for lettuces (FFV-22)**

Delete the reference to “Little gem” from Section “VI. B. Nature of Produce”.

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