



OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

**A common fruit and vegetables quality
inspection system**

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Vegetables for Countries of Southeast, Central and Eastern Europe
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THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- **The OECD is an intergovernmental organisation with 34 Member countries. It celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2011.**
- **The mission of the OECD is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world.**
- **Main activities:**
 - **Work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change.**
 - **Measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment**
 - **Analyse and compare data to predict future trends**
 - **Set international standards**

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- **The Scheme was established in 1962.**
- **It is one programme within the Codes & Schemes Unit.**
- **Budget: Part II (self financing)**
- **Membership:**
 - **Open to all members of UN or WTO**
 - **25 F&V Scheme's Members at present**
- **2010 OECD Agriculture Ministerial Meeting:**
 - ***“Appropriate regulatory and policy framework is needed.”***

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Objective:

Trade facilitation through harmonised application and interpretation of international F&V Standards.

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Activities:

- ***Core activity: Framework for an export quality inspection system***
 - International standards
 - Inspection methods
 - Conformity Certificate
- ***Supporting activities***
 - Meeting of the Heads of National Inspection Services
 - Peer reviews
 - Market analysis
 - Capacity building, training courses and workshops
 - Explanatory materials (brochures, colour charts)
 - Guidelines

OECD Standards

Standards:

Until 1992, the OECD developed fruit and vegetables standards.

Today, the Scheme applies international standards adopted from:

- **UNECE**
- **Codex Alimentarius Commission**

Annex I to the Council Decision on the Scheme [C(2006)95].

OECD Inspection Methods

- **Part of the Council Decision on the Scheme, as one important basis of the Scheme's activities (Annex II to C(2006)95).**
- **Unique in international trade.**
- **Applied by many countries and EU Member States and recommended by the UNECE.**
- **The inspection methods are under revision (2011).**
- **Development of OECD Guidelines on Quality Inspection (2011).**

OECD Conformity Certificate

- **Part of the Council Decision (Appendix I to the Council Decision [C(2006)95])**
- **It attests that the consignment conform with the standard applied under the Scheme, verified by the official control service.**
- **It is applied by many countries, including EU Member States. UNECE also refers to this certificate.**

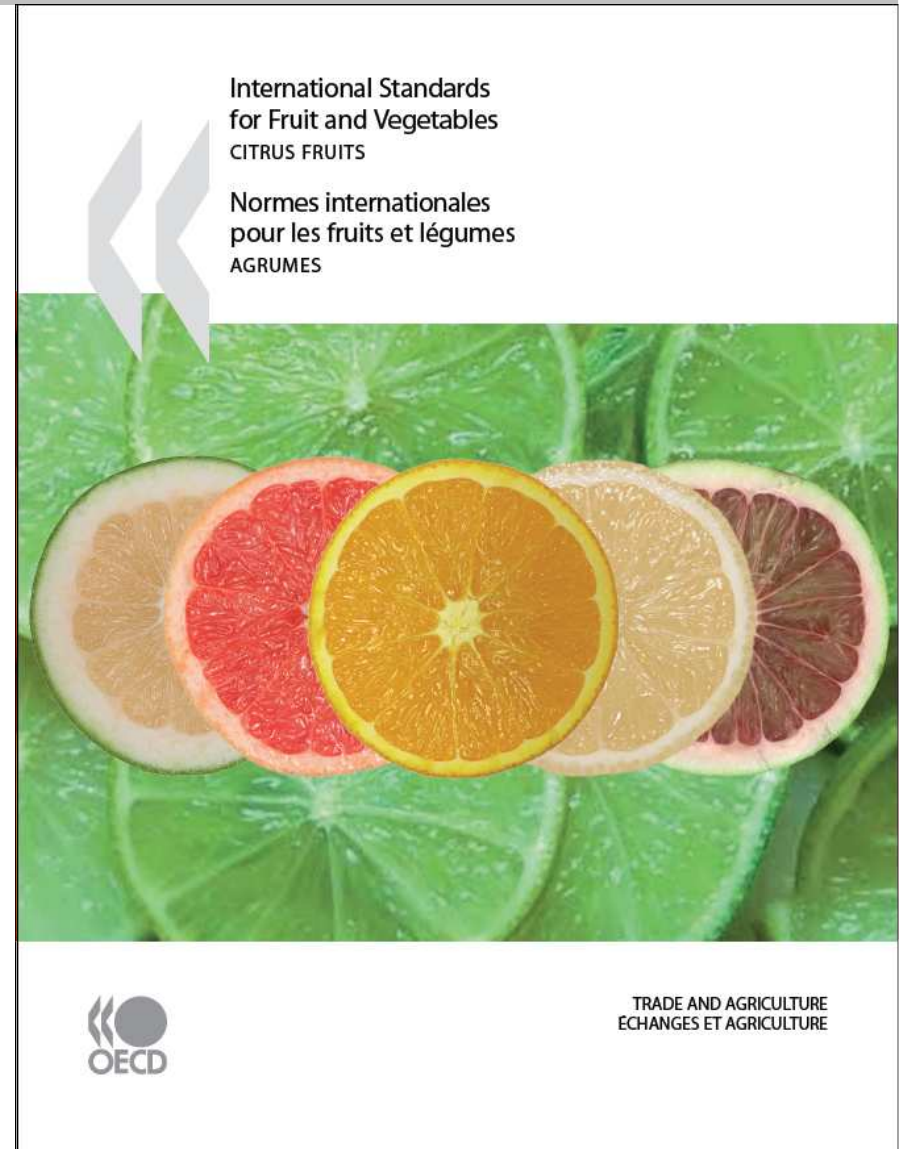
APPENDIX I: MODEL CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE

1 Exporter		OECD SCHEME	CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE N°	
2 Packer as indicated on packing (if other than exporter)		This certificate is for the exclusive use of control services		
		3 Control service		
		4 Country of origin *	5 Country of destination	
6 Identification of means of transport		7 Space reserved for national regulations **		
8 Number (and kind **) of packages	9 Nature of produce (variety when specified by the standard)	10 Quality class	11 Total weight in kg gross/net ***	
The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time, with the standards.				
Customs office of departure **		Place and date of issue		
Duration of validity days				
Signatory (name in block capitals)				
Signature		Seal of Authorized Control Service		
13 Observations				
* When the produce is re-exported, indicate its origin after the nature of the produce ** Optional ***				

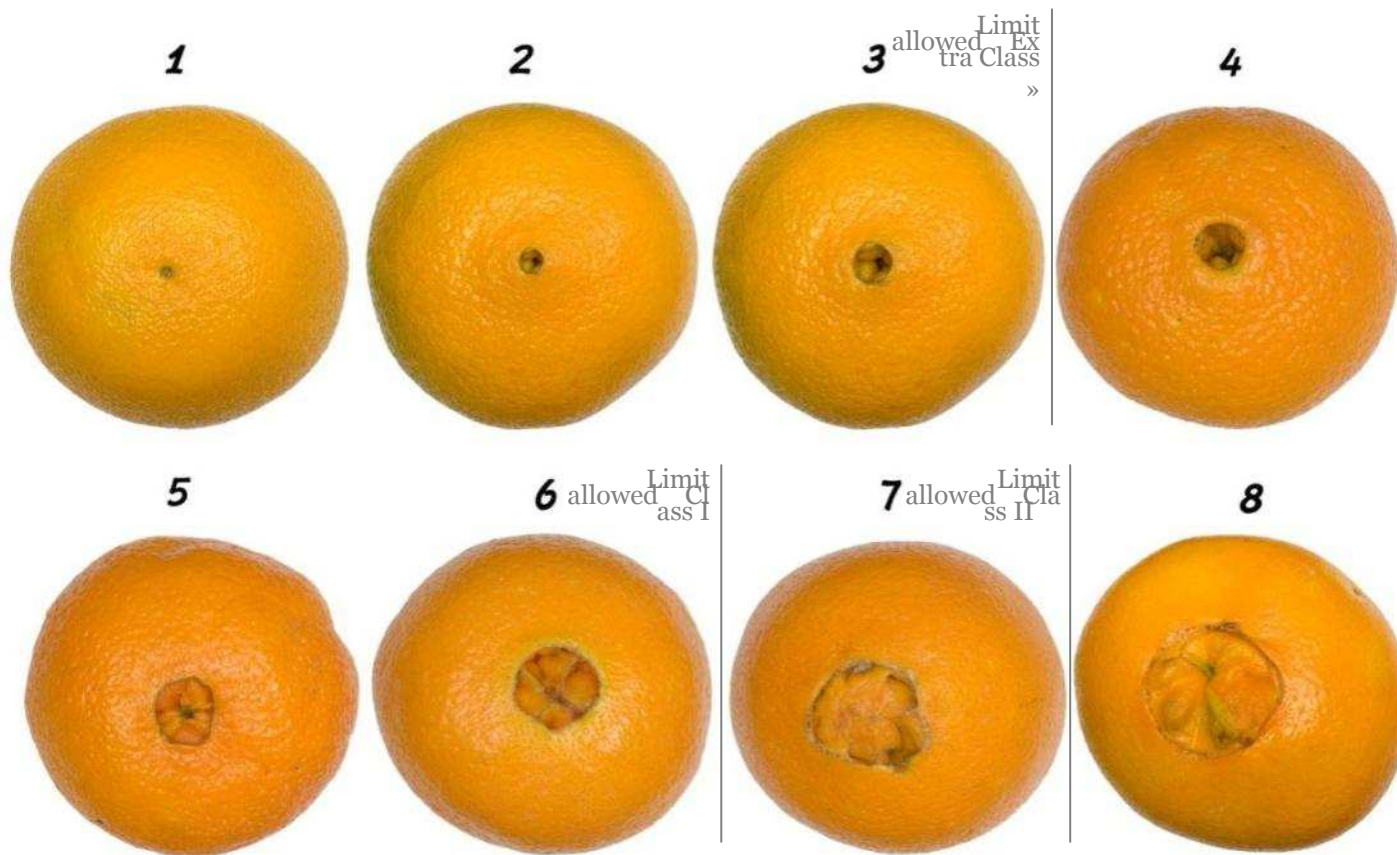
Format of the certificate: printed on a 297 mm x 210 mm sheet

OECD Explanatory brochures

- **22 brochures are available.**
- **2010 publications: apricots; peaches & nectarines; citrus fruits; apples.**
- **2011 publications (in the pipeline): hazelnuts; asparagus**
- **Ongoing work: melons; onions; watermelon; garlic**



OECD range concept



Oranges	Extra Class Cat. «Extra»	Class I Cat. I	Class II Cat. II	Out of Grade Non-conforming	Notes
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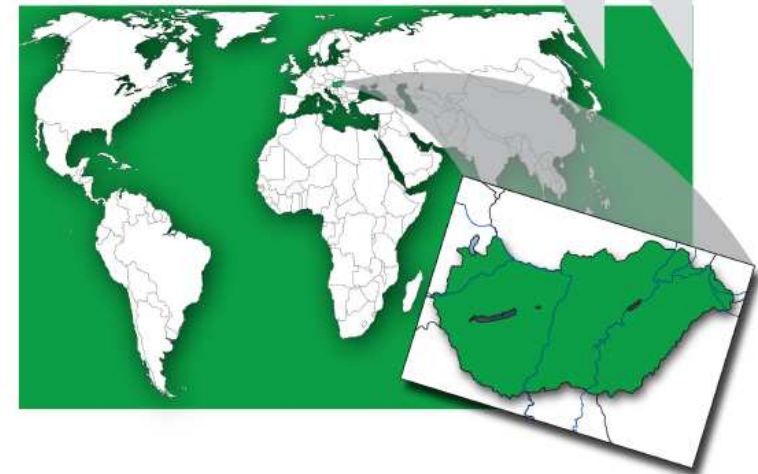
OECD Peer Reviews

- The OECD's core strengths is its ability to offer its members a framework to compare experiences and examine "best practices" in a host of areas.
- Peer review has been used at the OECD since the organization was established. The OECD peer review process has been adopted by many other international organizations.
- 4 OECD Peer Reviews of National Fruit and Vegetables Quality Inspection System (5th is in the pipeline).

*OECD Scheme for the Application of
International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables*

**Peer Review of Fruit and
Vegetables Quality Inspection
System in Hungary**

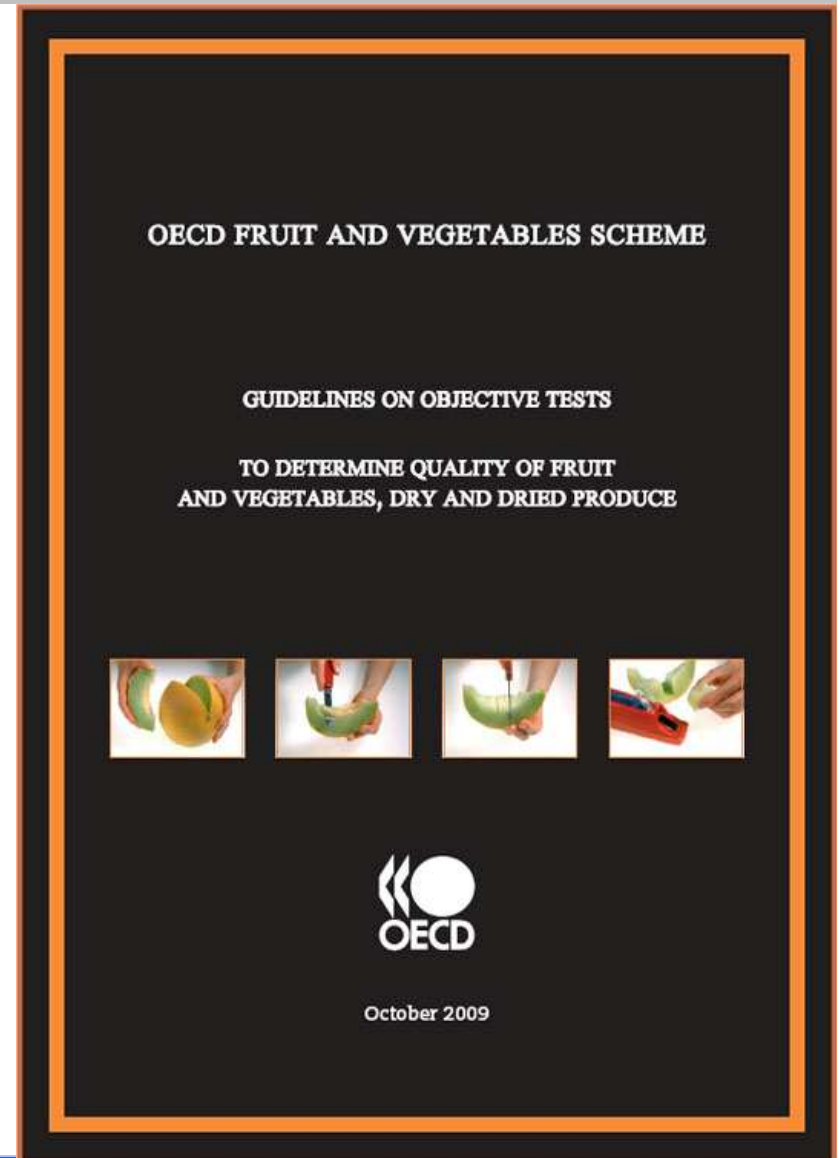
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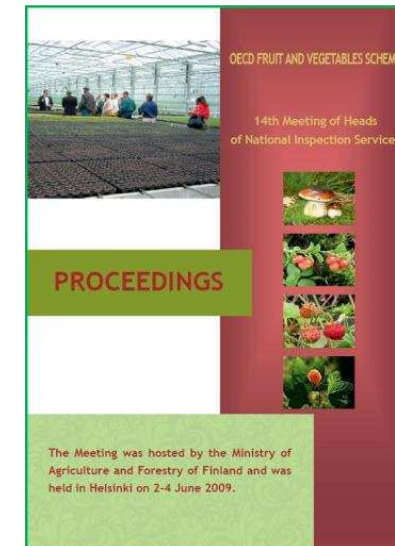
- **Guidelines on Objective tests to determine quality of Fruit and Vegetables**
- **Guidelines on Notification of Non-conformity**
- **Guidelines on Risk Analysis**
- **Guidelines on Inspector's trainings**
- **Guidelines on Quality Inspection (under development)**



OECD Meeting of Heads of National Inspection Services

Objectives :

- To facilitate discussions between inspection services on major problems, developments and challenges in the fruit and vegetables sector and quality inspection system.
- To provide an update on the latest developments in inspection techniques and tools, and to harmonise the application of the OECD Scheme.
- To present developments in the fruit and vegetables sector and quality inspection system in the Host Country.



Capacity building, workshops and training courses

- **International training course in Slovakia**
- **2010 -2011: OECD Workshops in Kenya**
- **Plan to develop closer cooperation on capacity building activities in developing countries with other international organisations, such as FAO and Codex Alimentarius Commission.**



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