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### **Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards**

#### **Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

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

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##### **Revision of Standards**

## **Broccoli - Proposal by the delegation from France**

### **Note:**

The following proposal is based on document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/11 not accepted by the Working Party (WP.7) and reproduced in **ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/5**

**Background:** The French delegation had expressed reservations about the proposed amendment included in the post session document from the 2018 Specialized Section on standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables concerning the UNECE Standard for Broccoli. The delegation from France considers that deleting the maximum length provision (20 cm) could affect the consumer and lead to a situation where the broccoli's head weight could be increased by leaving its stem longer.

The delegation from Sweden had originally suggested to exempt the Broccoloco variety but the Specialized Section had suggested to remove the maximum length provision to include these new varieties on the market.

This was the reason why the delegation from France disagreed with the adoption of the amendment at the 2018 session of the Working Party 7.

**Proposal:** The delegation from France would therefore like to propose to:

- re-establish the maximum length provision of 20cm in the UNECE standard.
  - include an exemption for this maximum length provision for the Broccoloco variety.
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