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**Review of the definitions of “field”, “crop”, “lot” and “origin”**

There was a preference to use “Field Inspection’ and “Tuber Inspection” in the UNECE context.

The tuber inspection guide refers to a “lot”. The question was how does a lot refer to a crop?

Suggestion from discussions:

The "field" is where the inspection takes place and the “crop” is what is inspected.

"The term “field” is defined in annex VII of the Standard. “A defined area of land used for cultivation of seed potatoes”. A field may contain more than one crop.

A suggestion for the definition of crop is: The “crop” is “a defined area of seed potatoes that is limited to an individual variety and class and is entered as a single unit for certification. It is traceable and its source(s) is (are) identified". (There are possible complications e.g. when two lots of different classes are combined (maybe not supposed to happen) the resulting crop has the lowest class.)

The UNECE definition of “Origin” is: “Officially defined area where a lot of seed potatoes was grown”. However in the present way of thinking the origin is better defined as: “Crop from which the seed lot is derived".

The UNECE definition of “Lot”: A quantity of seed potatoes bearing the same reference number which has been prepared for marketing, and being of the same variety, category, class, size and origin.

A suggestion is to define a lot as “A quantity of seed potatoes bearing the same identification (or reference) number and being of the same variety, category, class, size and origin.