



Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

THE OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

Trade & Agriculture Directorate

14th International Training Course

‘Harmonisation of fruit and vegetables Quality Assessment’

2009, Moimirovce, Slovakia

OECD FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SCHEME

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Objectives
- Rules
- Administration
- Financing
- Participation



What is it?

I. Framework for fruit and vegetables quality inspection system (export stage)

STANDARDS + INSPECTION RULES



QUALITY INSPECTION



CERTIFICATION

II. Common language and understanding

- Explanatory brochures
- Colour gages
- Guidelines
- Peer reviews
- Meeting of Heads of National Inspection Services
- **Economic market analysis**
- Training Courses, Workshops
- **Distance learning**



OECD CERTIFICATE

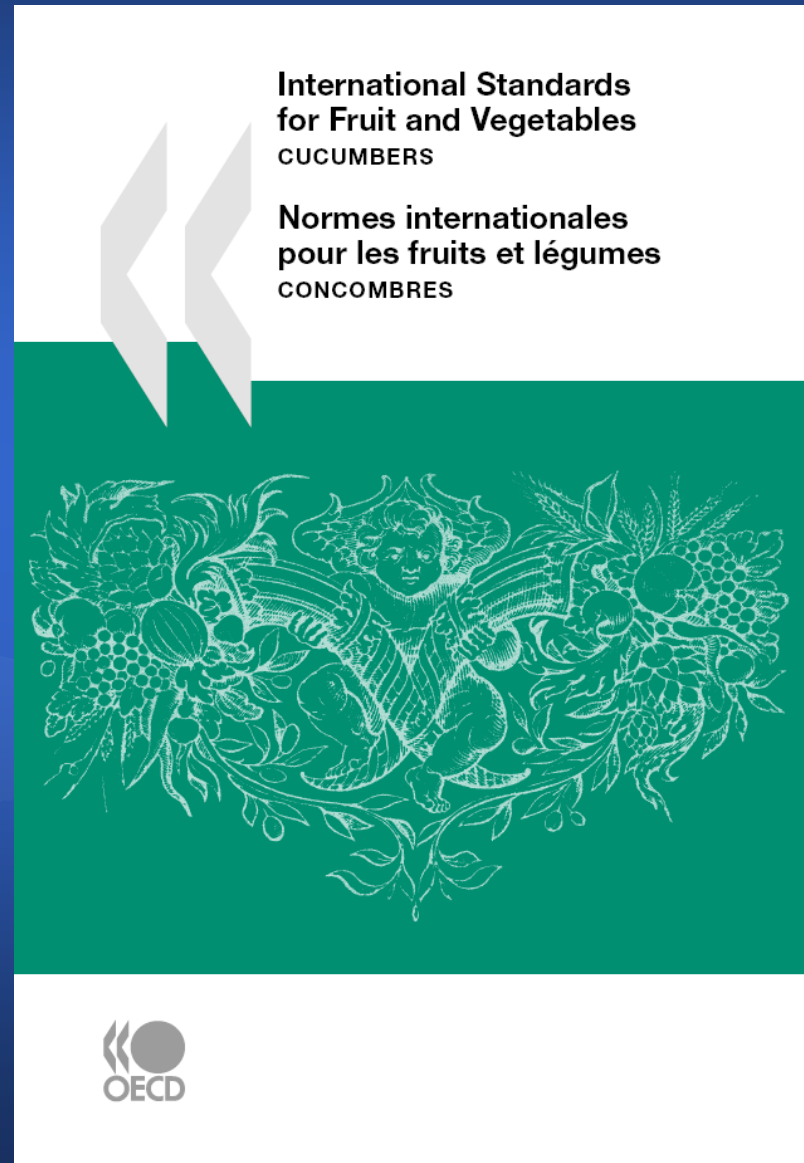
APPENDIX I: MODEL CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE

1 Exporter		OECD SCHEME	CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE N°		
		This certificate is for the exclusive use of control services			
2 Packer as indicated on packing (if other than exporter)		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 ***		
<p>The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time, with the standards .</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Customs office of departure **</p> <p>Place and date of issue</p> <p>Duration of validity days</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signatory (name in block capitals)</p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Seal of Authorized Control Service</p>					
13 Observations					
<p>* When the produce is re-exported, indicate its origin after the nature of the produce</p> <p>** Optional</p> <p>****</p>					

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



OECD BROCHURES





Traditional concept

International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables : Cucumbers

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY TABLE OF REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN BY THE STANDARD

REQUIREMENTS	CLASSES		
	"Extra"	I	II
Market value	Superior quality	Good quality	Marketable quality
I. Definition of produce (all classes)	All varieties (cultivars) of <i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.		
II. Provisions concerning quality	<p>However, if applied at stages following export, products may show in relation to the requirements of the standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a slight lack of freshness and turgidity, - for products graded in classes other than the "Extra" class, a slight deterioration due to their development and their tendency to perish. <p>The holder/seller of the products may not display such products or offer them for sale, or deliver or market them in any manner other than in conformity with this standard. The holder shall be responsible for observing such conformity.</p>		
II.A. Minimum requirements (all classes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - intact - sound - clean, practically free of any visible foreign matter - fresh in appearance and firm - practically free from pests - free from damage caused by pests affecting the flesh - free of bitter taste - free of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abnormal external moisture • any foreign smell and/or taste - sufficiently developed, but seeds must be soft - the development and condition must be such as to enable them to withstand transportation and handling and to arrive in a satisfactory condition at the place of destination 		



Traditional concept

International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables : Cucumbers

I. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE

This standard applies to cucumbers of varieties (cultivars) grown from *Cucumis sativus* L., to be supplied fresh to the consumer, cucumbers for processing and gherkins being excluded.

The varieties of cucumber vary in shape, size and skin. ⇨ photos 1 to 2

While cucumbers for processing do not have to follow a special definition, the gherkins are obtained from varietal types producing of a size making at least 85 units per kilogram. ⇨ photo 3



Traditional concept

Normes internationales pour les fruits et légumes : Concombres

photo 23: Maximum height of the arc - Top: practically straight
Middle: Limit allowed for Classes "Extra" and I - Bottom: Limit allowed for Class II



photo 23 : Hauteur maximale de l'arc - En haut: pratiquement droit
Au milieu: limite admise pour les catégories "Extra" et I - En bas: limite admise pour la catégorie II

photo 24: Diagram on how to measure the height of the arc

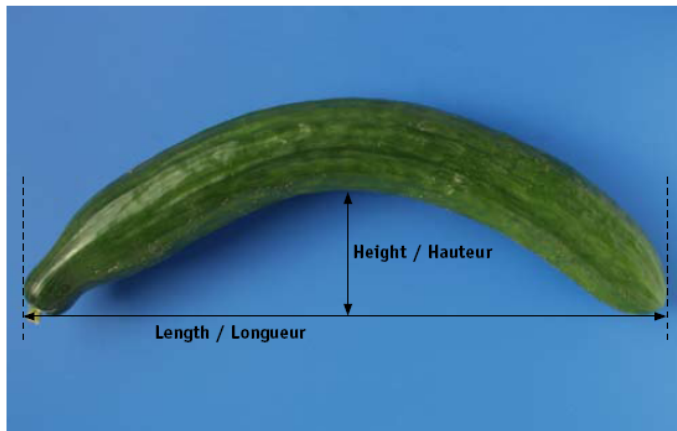


photo 24 : Schéma pour mesurer la courbure du concombre

International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables : Cucumbers

photo 25: "Extra" Class "Very slight superficial defects" - Very slight skin defects - Limit allowed



photo 25 : Catégorie "Extra", "Très légères altérations superficielles" - De très légers défauts de l'épiderme
Limite admise

photo 26: Class I - Good quality cucumbers - reasonably well shaped and practically straight - Limit allowed



photo 26 : Catégorie I - Concombres de qualité bonne - assez bien formés et pratiquement droits - Limite admise



New concept



	Extra Class	Class I	Class II	Out of Grade	Notes	Text Reference
Scratching	1, 2	3, 4	5, 6, 7	8		II.C Classification



OECD COLOUR GAUGES





OECD GUIDELINES

- Objective test of internal quality parameters





MEETING OF HEADS OF NATIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES



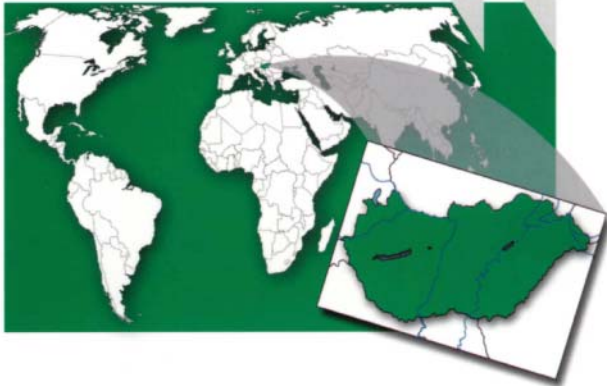


Peer Reviews

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

Peer Review of Fruit and Vegetables Quality Inspection System in Hungary

2008



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TRAINING COURSES, WORKSHOPS





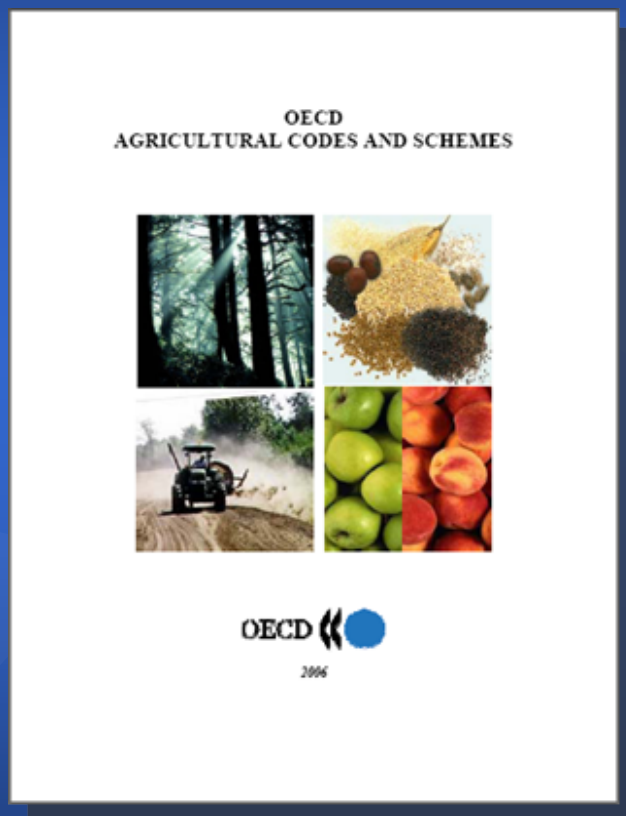
Further information on the Schemes

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