

# Short opinion on the new European regulation

Reference to OECD in the new EC regulations

- Reg. 1580/2007/EC (21. Dec.2007.)  
Preamble (13), (16)
- Mod. by reg.1221/2008/EC (5. Dec. 2008.)  
ANNEX IV/VI  
Indent 1; point 1.10; and  
point 2.6 referring OECD brochures  
(to be taken into account);

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What shows OECD brochure on cucumber?

Let's see.

**Maximum height of the arc**  
**Hauteur maximale de l'arc**



**Photo 23**

**Top: practically straight**

**Middle: Limit allowed for Classes “Extra” and I**

**Bottom: Limit allowed for Class II**

**En haut: pratiquement droit**

**Au milieu: limite admise pour les catégories  
« Extra » et I**

**En bas: limite admise pour la catégorie II**

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**Photo 38**  
**“crooked cucumber”**  
**Crooked cucumber**  
**Allowed, when packed separately**

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**Photo 38**  
**« concombre recourbé »**  
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**Admis à condition de conditionnement à part**

# And a longer one

## Implementation of the OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme in EC member countries in light of the new regulation

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# Effects of the EU fruit and vegetables quality reform on the OECD Scheme work

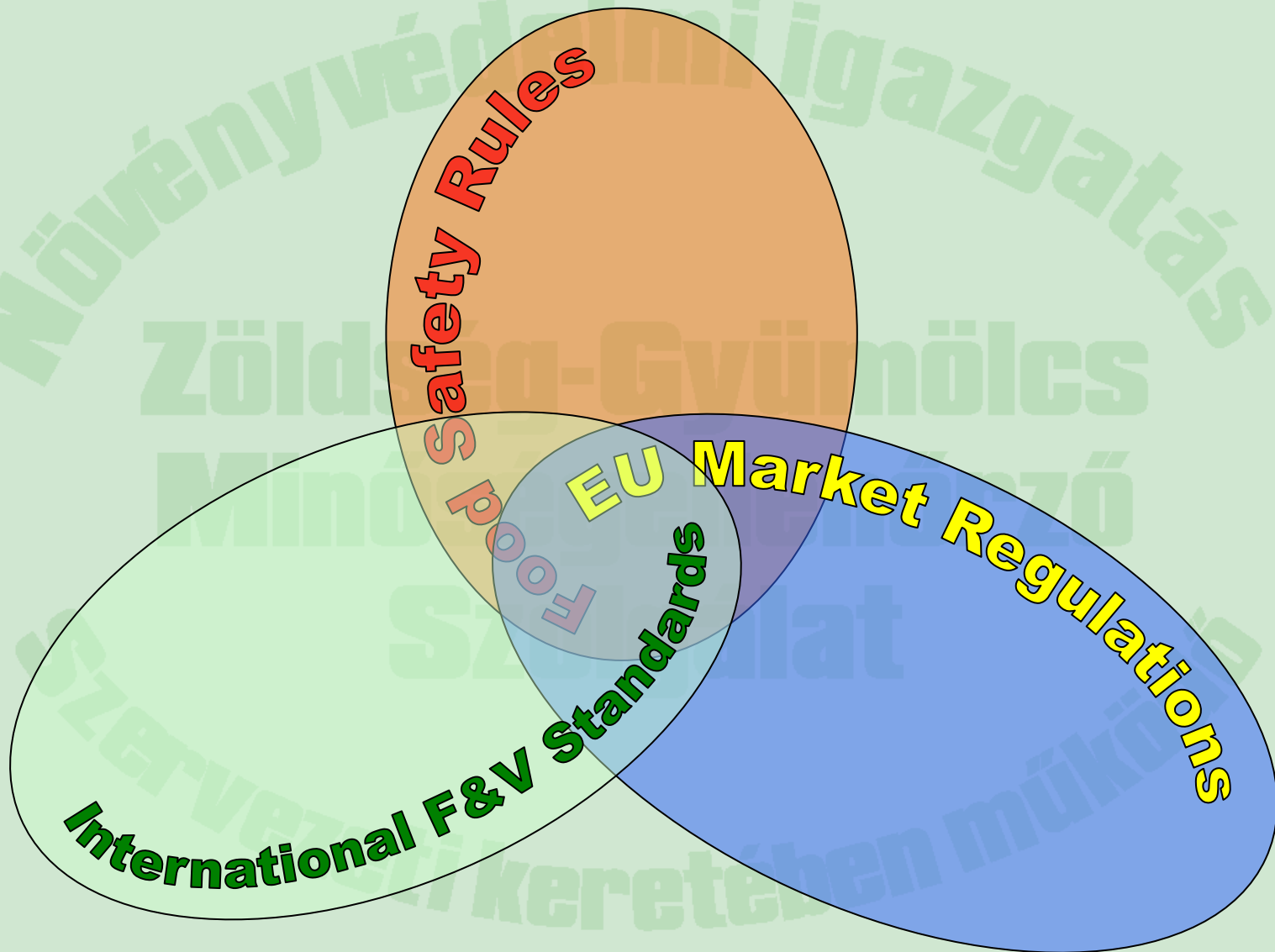
<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<b>Quality requirements set for almost all products</b>	<b>But not in a product specific way</b>
<b>Importance of country of origin has increased</b>	<b>Implementation in practice is not exactly defined</b>
<b>General standard seems to be a simplification</b>	<b>Not a precise solution for the inspection</b>
<b>Number of regulations decreased</b>	<b>Specific characteristics of the product are not taken into consideration</b>
<b>Focus on F&amp;V sector and quality</b>	<b>Communication focused only on simplification</b>
<b>Hope for cheaper products</b>	<b>Interpretation of esthetical non-conformity is quite difficult</b>

# Similarities of F&V standards with general food regulation

Requirements of the standards	Special meaning in market regulation	General food law
Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variety or commercial type</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product name and identification</li> <li>• List of ingredients</li> </ul>
Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country of origin</li> <li>• Trader, dispatcher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category of food safety and basis for traceability</li> <li>• Responsibility for the product</li> </ul>
Minimum requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce not fit for consumption is excluded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food unfit for consumption is unsafe</li> </ul>
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes are compulsory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes are optional</li> </ul>
Labelling requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical labelling rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizontal labelling rules</li> <li>• Prohibition of fraud</li> </ul>
Uniformity rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibition of unfair commercial practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing consumers protection functions</li> </ul>

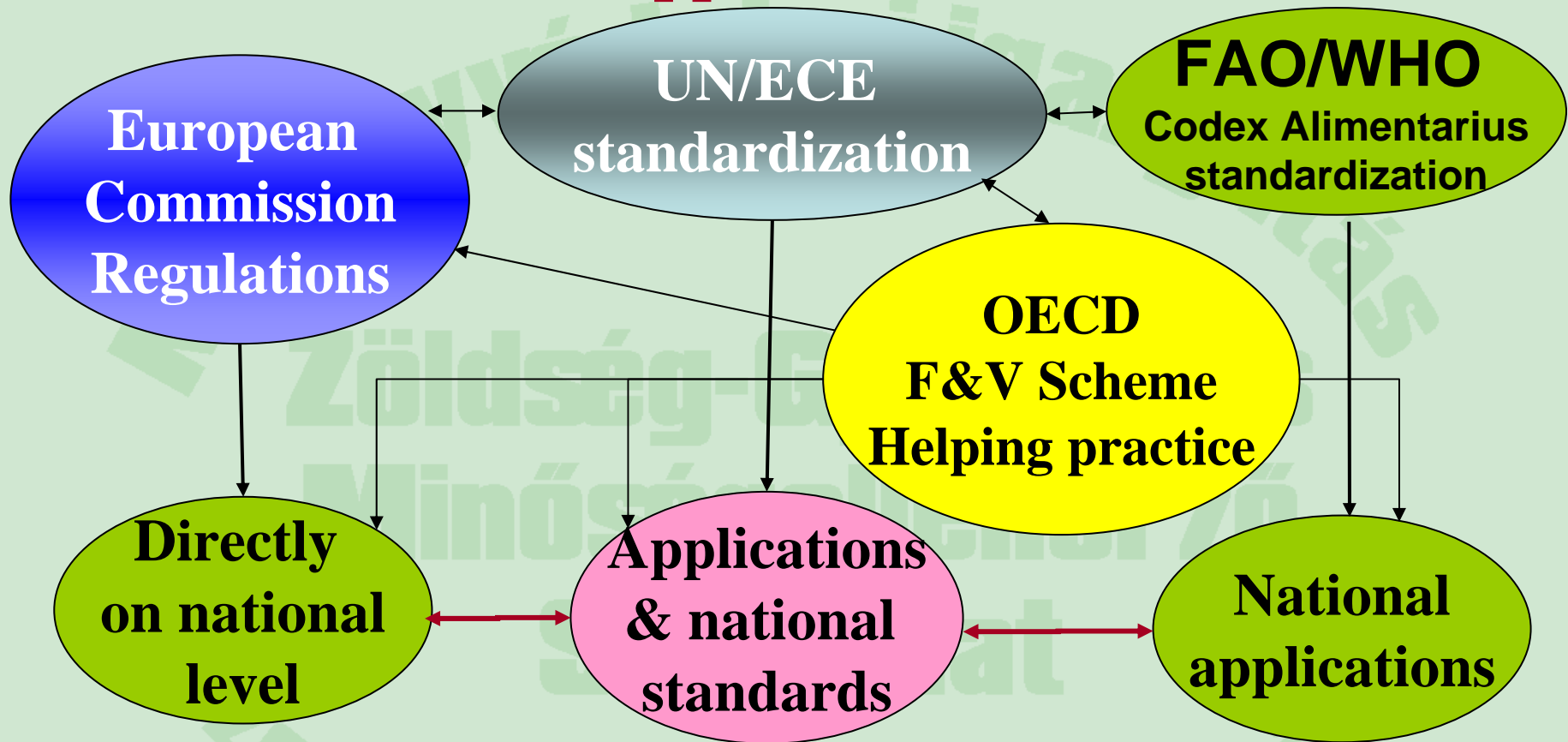


# Main groups of rules concerning F&V quality





# International standardization of F&V and their applications



Private standards (EUREPGAP, BRC, IFS)

Applying all the international and national requirements!

# Differences among applicable standards

Codex	UN/ECE (EU 10)	EC general standard
1. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE	I. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE	
2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY 2.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS 2.2 MATURITY REQUIREMENTS 2.3 CLASSIFICATION 2.3.1 "Extra" Class 2.3.2 Class I 2.3.3 Class II	II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY A. Minimum requirements B. Maturity requirements C. Classification (i) "Extra" Class (ii) Class I (iii) Class II	II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY A. Minimum requirements B. Maturity requirements
3. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING	III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING	
4. PROVISIONS CONCERNING TOLERANCES 4.1 QUALITY TOLERANCES 4.1.1 "Extra" Class 4.1.2 Class I 4.1.3 Class II 4.2 SIZE TOLERANCES	(i) "Extra" Class A. Quality tolerances (ii) Class I (iii) Class II B. Size tolerances	IV. PROVISIONS CONCERNING TOLERANCES
5. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION 5.1 UNIFORMITY 5.2 PACKAGING 5.2.1 Description of Containers	V. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION A. Uniformity B. Packaging C. Presentation	
6. MARKING OR LABELLING 6.1 CONSUMER PACKAGES 6.1.1 Nature of Produce 6.2 NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS 6.2.1 Identification 6.2.2 Nature of Produce 6.2.3 Origin of Produce 6.2.4 Commercial Identification 6.2.5 Official Inspection Mark (optional)	A. Identification B. Nature of produce E. Official control mark (optional) D. Commercial specifications  E. Official control mark (optional)	VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING C. Origin of produce
<b>7. CONTAMINANTS</b> <b>7.1 HEAVY METALS</b> <b>7.2 PESTICIDE RESIDUES</b>		
<b>8. HYGIENE</b>		

# How different standards are certified?

## CODEX

The above-mentioned Official/Officially recognized Inspection and/or Certification Body certifies that the consignment described above conforms with the standards in force;

- on the basis of examination of the samples taken, at the time of inspection
- on the basis of the packers self evaluation and audit of their Quality Management System

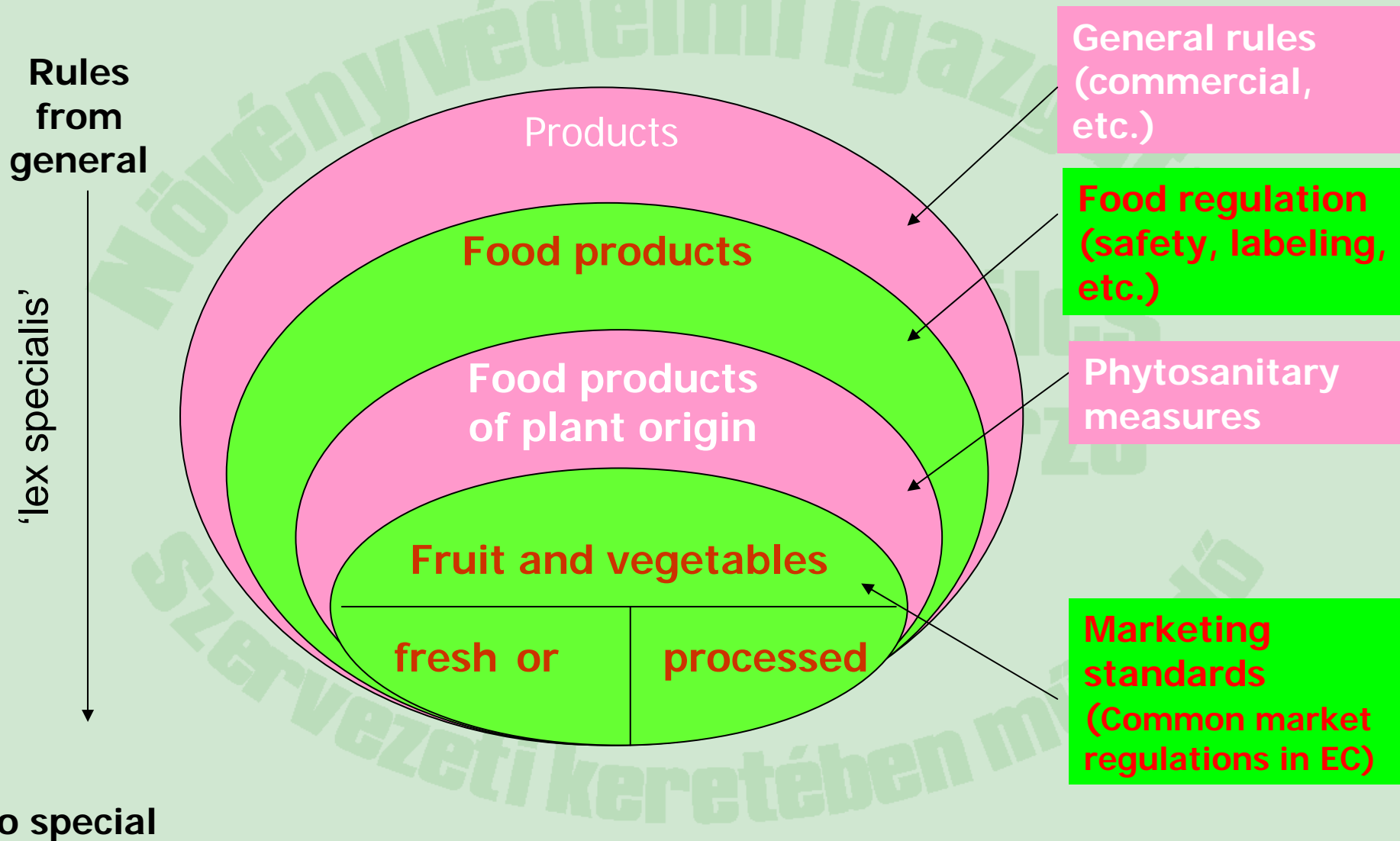
## UN/ECE

The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time of the present certificate, with the standards applied.

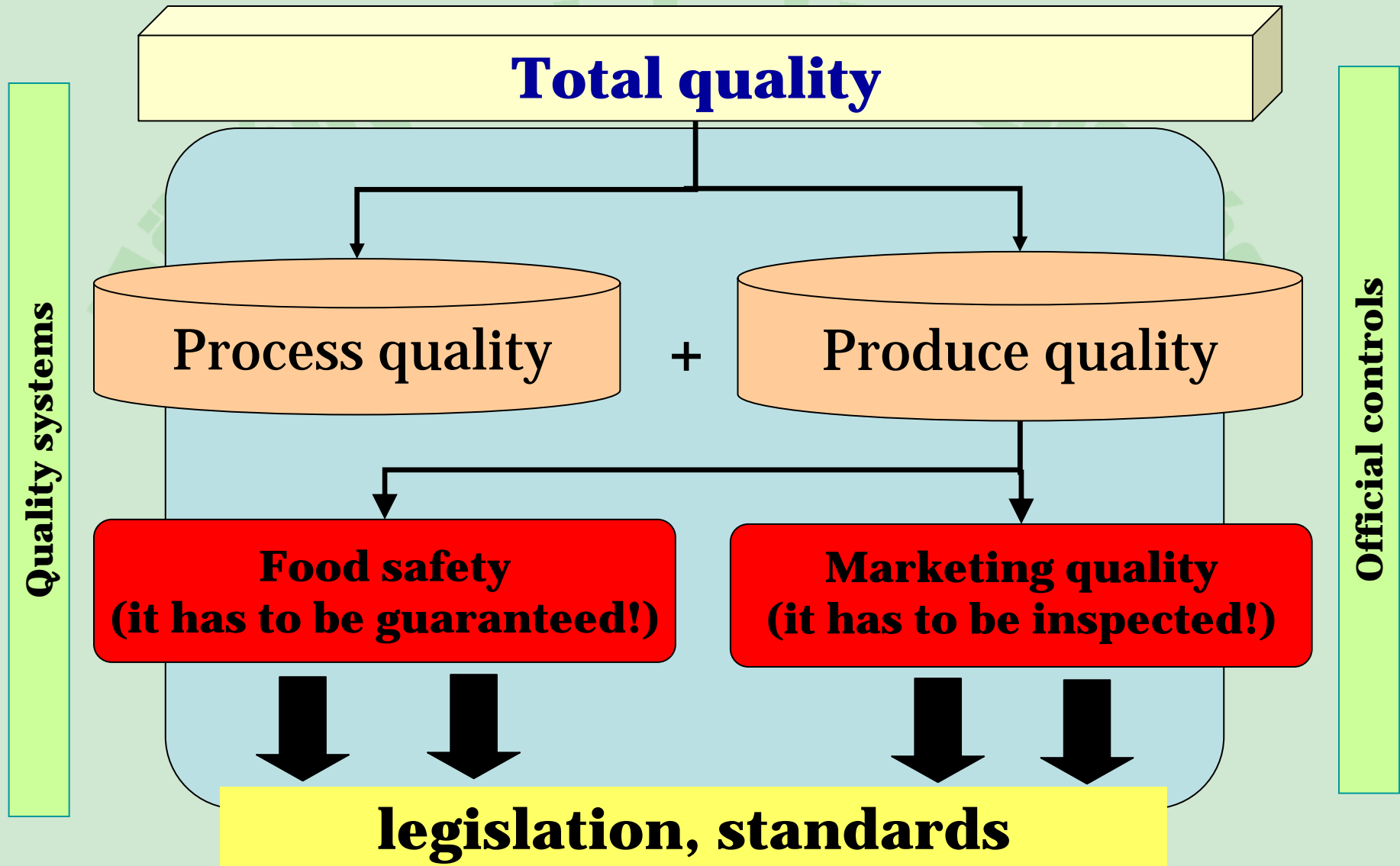
## EC

The consignment referred to above conforms, at the issue time with the Community marketing standards in force

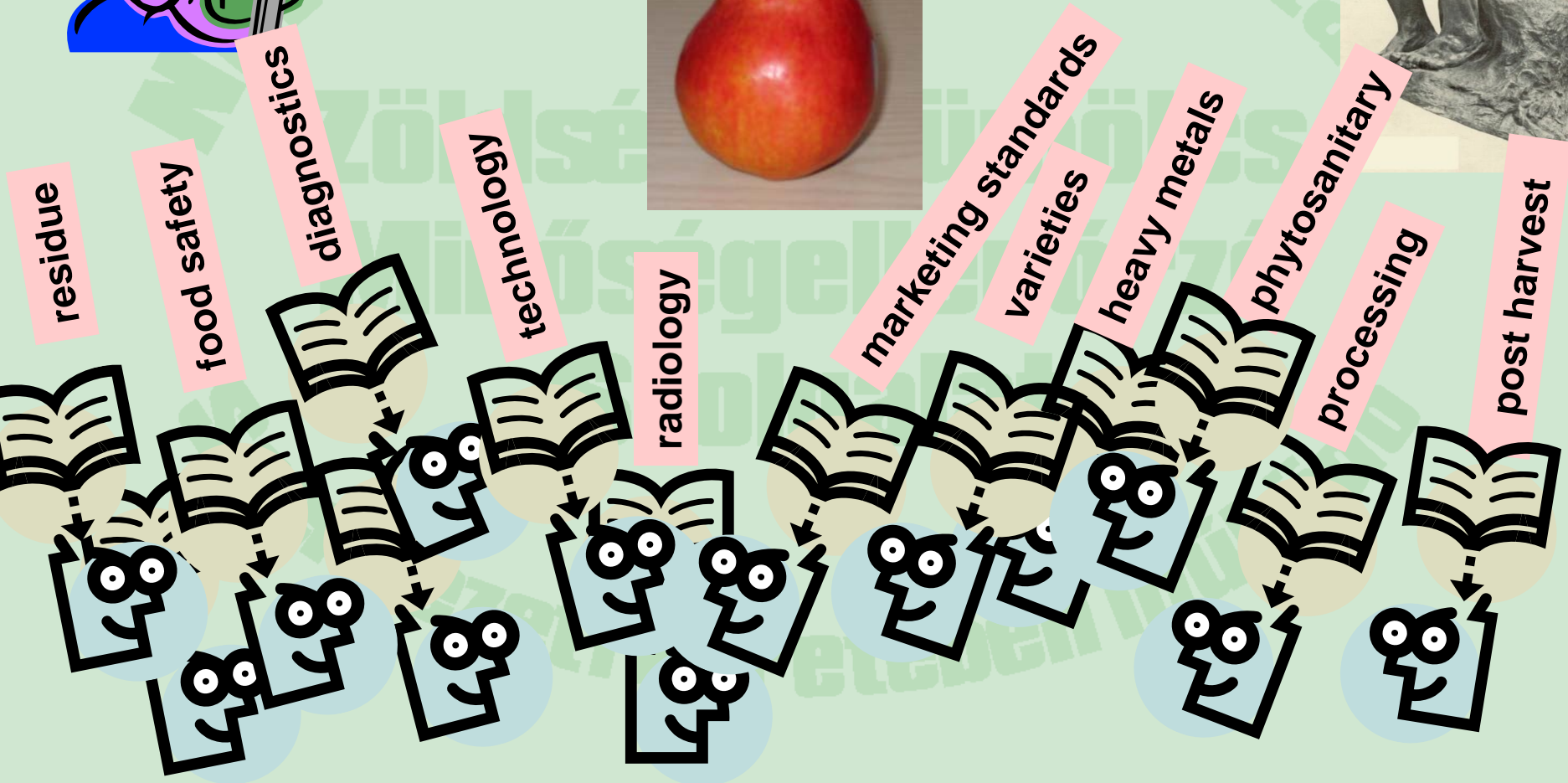
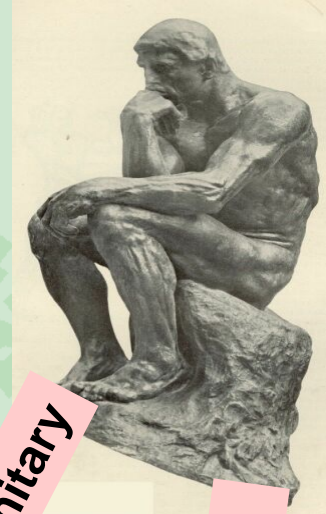
# Aspects of inspection



# Aspects of quality



# Lack of integration power



# 3D-Integration in fruit and vegetables inspection and a single national certification

