



## Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables



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### Revision of Standard Layout (2009)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - tolerances amended to allow within the 10 % tolerance of in Classes I and II a maximum of 1 % and 2 % respectively for decay (French translation: degradation)
  - minor changes to mixes of varieties and/or types
  - existing standards will be aligned product by product with the Standard Layout edition 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party





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### Apples (FFV-50)

#### ✓ Amendments agreed:

- new minimum requirement “free from serious watercore, with the exception of Fuji and its mutants”
- minimum requirements related to red colouring deleted for Class II
- quality tolerances aligned to standard layout
- labelling of the variety; mutants can be indicated in addition and on an optional basis
- list of varieties simplified
- alignment to Standard Layout 2009



#### ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party



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### Avocados (FFV-42)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - inclusion of Antillean varieties:
    - minimum maturity requirements
    - sizing requirements
    - labelling the variety
    - alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party





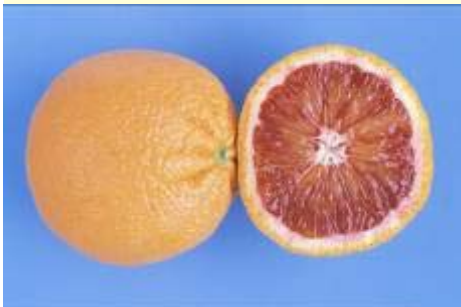
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### Citrus fruit (FFV-14)

#### ✓ Amendments agreed:

- new species included:
- sugar/acid-ratio included to minimum maturity requirements
- sizing: new simplified provisions on uniformity as alternative to the existing size scale
- marking the variety of species amended
- indication the post-harvest treatment optional
- alignment to Standard Layout 2009



#### ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party

#### ? Under discussion: provisions to allow natural coloration to avoid the obligation for degreening





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### Sweet peppers (FFV-28)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - specification of defects allowed in Classes I and II in accordance with trade praxis
  - simplification of provisions concerning sizing
  - alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party
- ✓ UNECE explanatory brochure nearly ready for printing



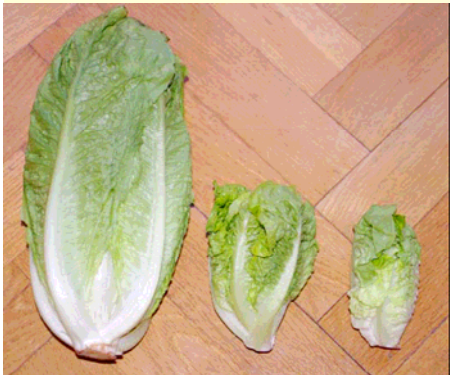


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### Lettuces, curled-leaved endives & broad-leaved endives (FFV-22)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - minimum sizes for all species deleted
  - alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party



### Apricots (FFV-02)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - minimum maturity provisions introduced
  - minimum size reduced to 30 mm for all classes
  - alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party





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### **Peaches and Nectarines (FFV-26)**

- ✓ **Amendments agreed:**
  - **introduction of minimum Brix level to guarantee satisfactory development and ripeness**
  - **specification of defects allowed in Classes I and II in accordance with trade praxis**
  - **simplification of provisions concerning sizing**
  - **alignment to Standard Layout 2009**
- ✓ **Request for approval by the Working Party**





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### Chanterelles (FFV-55)

- ✓ End of trial period for recommendation
- ✓ alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party



### Tomatoes (FFV-36)

### Early and Ware Potatoes (FFV-52)

### Pears (FFV-51)

- ✓ Amendments agreed:
  - alignment to Standard Layout 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party





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- ✓ In discussion amendments for  
    **Bilberries and Blueberries**
- ✓ In discussion new standards for

**Fresh chilli peppers**

**Lambs lettuce**

**Berry fruit**

**Root vegetables**

**Leaf vegetables**



- ✓ In preparation alignments to **Standard Layout 2009**  
for existing standards





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**Concentration of Agricultural Quality Standards Work in UNECE and transfer the work from the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables to UNECE WP.7/GE.1**

**After 2 years trial and preparation would this concentration would be appropriate from point of view of UNECE?**

- ✓ 12 countries in favour
- ✓ 10 countries neutral, mainly because official decision not yet taken
- ✓ EC Commission in favour

**Future Work of GE.1**

- ✓ explanatory brochures for pineapples & fresh chili peppers
- ⇒ provided the OECD Scheme agrees the transfer in 2009
- ✓ Request for approval by the Working Party





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