



THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INDUSTRY SERIES

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Session 2 - Policies for encouraging healthier food choices: opportunities for the fruit and vegetable sector





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

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OECD-COLEACP Webinar - Policies for encouraging healthier food choices: opportunities for the fruit and vegetable sector



Overview of the OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

- established in 1962 (inter-governmental organisation)
- self financing
- Voluntary
- Membership open to all United Nations members & World Trade Organisation
- **28** participating countries
- Governments
- Consensus
- Observer status



Mandate of the OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

to facilitate international trade through the harmonization of implementation and interpretation of marketing standards.



Core work

- Provides framework for the export **quality inspection system**
 - International Standards
 - Inspection Methods
 - Conformity Certificates

Complementary work

- Peer reviews
- Market Analysis
- **Guidelines**
- **Explanatory Materials**
- **Capacity building**
- Meetings of the Heads of National Inspection Services



OECD Inspection Methods

- The basis of the Scheme's activities
- Unique in international trade
- Applied by many countries and EU Member States and recommended by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Operating rules on conformity checks - last revision in 2013 (*Annex II to C(2006)95*)
- Adoption of OECD Guidelines on Quality Inspection (2018) – FEEDBACK FROM THE HEADS OF NATIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES)





OECD Guidelines

- Guidelines for the implementation of quality controls in the event of pandemics and other disruptive events (2022)
- Guidelines of the OECD FVS Scheme on the verification of the country of origin (2020)
- Quality Inspection (2018)
- Objective tests to determine quality of Fruit and Vegetables (updated 2018)
- Notification of Non-conformity
- Risk Analysis
- Inspector's trainings





OECD Explanatory Brochures

- Reference guidelines in the OECD quality inspection system
- 60 years experience
- Approval by consensus
- Pragmatic approach (trade facilitation)
- Uniform content and high quality
- OECD Guidelines on Development Explanatory Brochures
- Currently available for 33 products
- Hard copies
- Free E-Versions





Structure of the Explanatory Brochure

- Text
 - Follows the Standard layout
 - Standard + OECD interpretation
 - Classification table
- Illustrations
 - Follow the Standard layout
 - Illustrate all quality parameters (as far as possible)



Text - Overview

Reference to the applied standard

On the following pages, the official text of the tomatoes standard [UNECE FFV- 36, version 2017] is indicated in **blue bold**, the OECD interpretative text of the Standard is indicated in *black italic*.

Official standard text (blue bold)

In all classes, subject to the special provisions for each class and the tolerances allowed, the tomatoes must be:

- intact;


*OECD general explanatory notes (black italic)
(general and –as needed- product specific)*

The tomatoes must not have any damage or injury affecting the integrity of the produce.

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Reference to the illustrations






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Classification lines



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Reference number



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Tomatoes / Tomates	Extra Class Cat. "Extra"	Class I Cat. I	Class II Cat. II	Not allowed Exclu	Notes
Suberization of the stigma Géotricie pistillaires	1	2	3	-	1. Suberization of the stigma. / Géotricie pistillaires. 2. Suberization of the stigma ≤ 1 cm² - Class I. / Géotricie pistillaires ≤ 1 cm² - Cat. I. 3. Suberization of the stigma ≤ 2 cm² - Class II. / Géotricie pistillaires ≤ 2 cm² - Cat. II.

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New Brochures 2022



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German Brochures

INTERNATIONALE NORMEN FÜR OBST UND GEMÜSE



Chicorée



Birnen



Pflaumen



Mangos



Avocados



Tafeltrauben



Äpfel



Capacity building activities

- International Training Course (annual), Slovakia – next 16-17 September 2021
- Harmonisation meeting 2018, Zoetermeer, The Netherlands - 12-14 June 2018 - Next June 2022
- International Meeting on Quality Control of Fruit and Vegetables, Bonn, Germany – 3rd 16-18 March 2021 (remote)- next 14-16 March 2023
- Asia - Est Africa – Latin America (Brazil 2018 - Costa Rica 2019)
- Cooperation with other international org
- **To come: eLearning with COLEACP**



Kenya Plant Health
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Key Messages

Quality assurance

- Common procedures
- Common regulations

Harmonization

Trade Facilitation

- Clear origin of Fruits and Vegetables
- Clear classification of product quality.



Key Beneficiaries

Government

Ensure that Marketing Standards are interpreted homogenously amongst member countries

Farmers

Farmers benefit from harmonized inspection methods and clear quality classification that promote fair trade.


Consumers

Quality assurance for the final Fruit and Vegetables consumers.



For more information

- Visit our website at www.oecd.org/agriculture/fruit-vegetables
- Contact us at tad.contact@oecd.org
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The screenshot shows the OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme website. At the top is the OECD logo with the tagline "BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES". Below it is a green banner with "FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SCHEME" and a photo of various fruits. A navigation menu includes HOME, ABOUT, PUBLICATIONS, EVENTS, and CONTACT. A search bar is in the top right. Below the menu, a text box states: "The OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme promotes international trade through the harmonisation of implementation and interpretation of marketing standards. Download our brochure (pdf)". A section titled "Harmonization of the Fruit and Vegetables Quality Assessment" features a video thumbnail and text: "We are pleased to invite you to the international training course 'Harmonization of the Fruit and Vegetables Quality Assessment', which will take place from 10 to 17 September 2021 in Majmirec, Slovak Republic. Download agenda registration form". Another section says: "Now available: German translations for the International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables brochures on Apples, Chloory, Mangoes, Pears, Plums, and Table Grapes." A video player shows "OECD Meeting of Heads of National Ins" with a play button. At the bottom, a row of brochure thumbnails is displayed with the text "Download our fruit and vegetables explanatory standards brochures" and a link "Access all brochures". The footer says "Go to the OECD Agricultural Codes and Schemes Community Space".

Thank you for your attention



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Thank you



FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SCHEME

