





# THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INDUSTRY SERIES

29 MARCH 2022

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

Tuesday, 29 March 2022
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 (intergovernmental 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

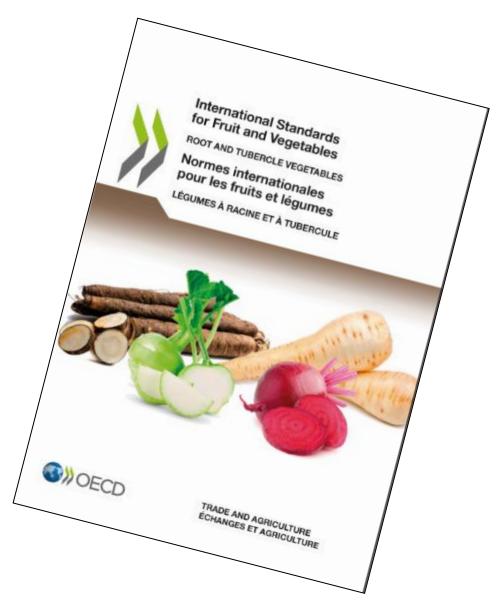






# **OECD Explanatory Brochures**

- 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)

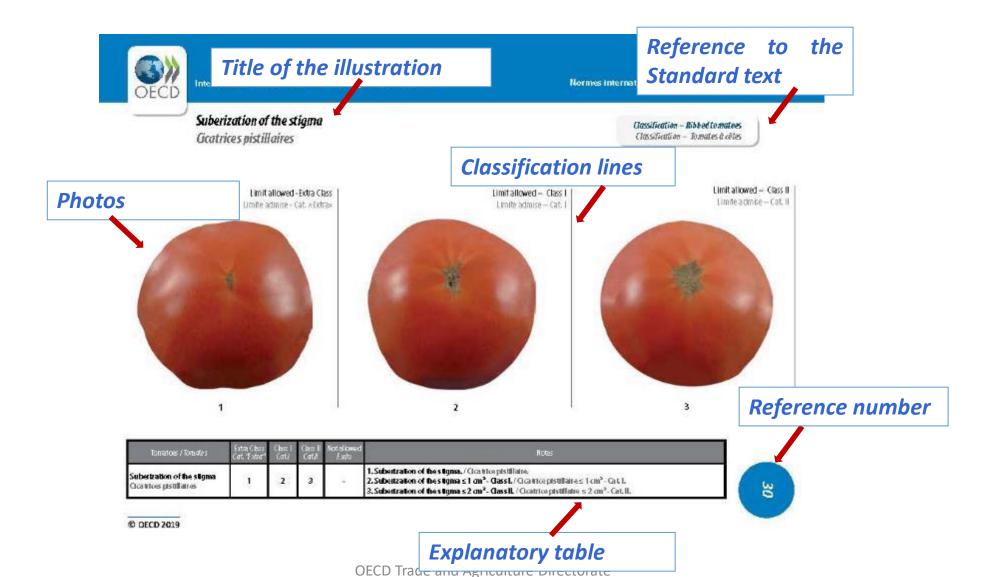
The tomatoes must not have any damage or injury affecting the integrity of the produce.

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Reference to the illustrations











# **New Brochures 2022**

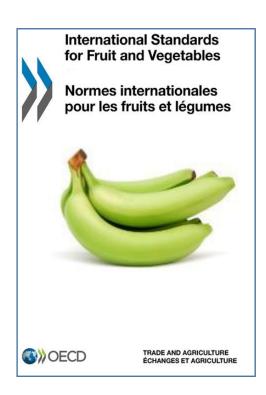












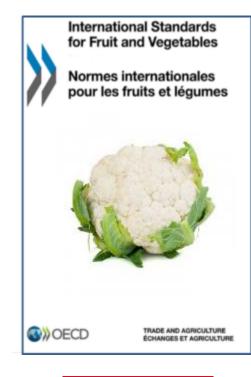


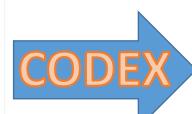






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ORGANISATION FÜR WIRTSCHAFTLICHE

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# **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

























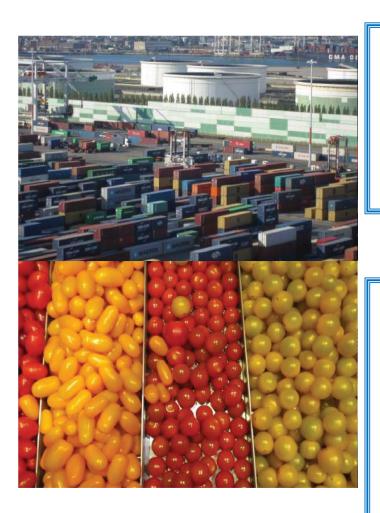








# **Key Messages**



#### Harmonization

#### Common procedures

Common regulations

#### **Trade Facilitation**

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

# **Key Beneficiaries**

#### Government

**Quality assurance** 

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.







#### The OECD and trade in fruit and vegetables



#### Now available: German translations for the International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables brochures on Apples. Chicory, Mangoes, Pears, Plums, and Table

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2021 in Majmirovoe, Slovak Republic. Download agenda registration form



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Assessment











#### Access all brochures

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# Thank you for your attention







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# Thank you



