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Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
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Item 4 (i) of the Provisional Agenda

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF STANDARDS
CULTIVATED MUSHROOMS

Note by the Secretariat

      The following proposals for additions to the Standard for Cultivated Mushrooms
have been submitted by the delegation of the United Kingdom.

PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE STANDARD FOR CULTIVATED MUSHROOMS (FFV-24)

The UK would like to make the following proposals for additions to the Standard for Cultivated Mushrooms.

a) Under Section I. Definition of Produce following "In both groups a distinction is made between :" a third group of mushrooms to be added as follows:

   3.   Flat Mushrooms, i.e. mushrooms that are fully open but neither too cupped nor inverted.

Flat mushrooms are very important to the UK market and are sold as a distinct type. If it is agreed to add this extra group reference to "open cap or flat" as given in the brackets in 2. Open Mushrooms, can be removed.

b) Section II. Provisions concerning Quality: under B. Classification (i) Extra Class first paragraph to add after well formed **and mushrooms in the closed catagory must have a dense texture.**

c) Section III.   Provisions concerning Sizing: under B.   Sizing specifications to be added:

3.   Flat mushrooms

_____
                    Diameter   of   cap
      Maximum length of stalk

                                      for cut mushrooms
         Size   Size
                        limits

_____
         Small   20-55 mm   25 mm
         Large   over 55 mm   30 mm

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d) We would also like (iv) to be removed. Stating that sizing is compulsory for cut and uncut mushrooms in class II presented in packages weighing 1 kg or less.

e) Section VI. Provisions concerning Marking: under B. Nature of produce, the word "flat" should be inserted after the second indent. i.e. "cut", "uncut" or "flat".