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**PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF UN/ECE STANDARDS**

**Avocados**

(Requirements with regard to ripeness)

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**Proposed amendment to Standard FFV-42 (Avocados)**

In section II, part A, amend the second paragraph to read as follows:

“Avocados must be firm and carefully picked.

Their development should have reached a physiological stage which will ensure a continuation of the ripening process to completion. They should have a minimum dry-matter content, as determined by drying with continuous weighing, exceeding or equalling:

- 21 % for the cultivar ‘Hass’
- 20 % for the cultivars ‘Fuerte’, ‘Pinkerton’, ‘Reed’ and ‘Edranol’,
- [value to be discussed] % for Nabal,
- 19 % for other cultivars (including ‘Bacon’, ‘Ettinger’ and ‘Zutano’).

The ripe fruit should be free from bitterness.”

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