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PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF UN/ECE STANDARDS

Sweet Peppers

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Proposal for revision of Standard FFV-28 (Sweet Peppers)

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by the shoulder diameter (width) of the sweet peppers. In the case of flat sweet peppers (tomato peppers) the term “width” means the maximum equatorial diameter.

For sized sweet peppers, the difference in diameter between the largest and smallest sweet pepper in the same package may not exceed 20 mm.

The width of sweet peppers may not be less than:

- (i) elongated sweet peppers (pointed):20 30 mm
- (ii) square sweet peppers (blunt)
square sweet peppers tapering
(peg-top):40 mm
- (iii) flat sweet peppers (tomato peppers):55 mm

Sizing is not compulsory for Class II, subject to the minimum sizes.

~~The above provisions do not apply to sweet peppers with slim pods of medium length (“peperoncini type”) grown from particular varieties of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *longum*. These must exceed 5 cm in length.~~

The size requirements shall not apply to miniature produce.¹

V. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

A. Uniformity

The contents of each package must be uniform and contain only sweet peppers of the same origin, variety or commercial type, quality, size (if sized) and, in the case of Class I, of appreciably the same degree of ripeness and colouring.

However, a mixture of sweet peppers of different colours is allowed as long as origin, variety or commercial type, quality and size (if sized) are uniform ~~and there is the same number of sweet peppers of each colour.~~

For packages of sweet peppers with a maximum weight of 1 kg uniformity is only required with respect to origin and quality.

In the case of sized produce, elongated sweet peppers should be sufficiently uniform in length.

The visible part of the contents of the package must be representative of the entire contents.

Miniature sweet peppers must be reasonably uniform in size. They may be mixed with other miniature products of a different type and origin.

B. Packaging

The sweet peppers must be packed in such a way as to protect the produce properly.

The materials used inside the package must be new, clean and of a quality such as to avoid causing any external or internal damage to the produce. The use of materials, particularly paper or stamps bearing trade specifications is allowed, provided the printing or labelling has been done with non-toxic ink or glue.

Packages must be free of all foreign matter.

VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

Each package must bear the following particulars, in letters grouped on the same side, legibly and indelibly marked, and visible from the outside:

A. Identification

Packer)	Name and address or
and/or)	officially issued or
Dispatcher)	accepted code mark.

B. Nature of produce

- ~~“Sweet peppers”~~ If the contents are not visible from the outside:
- ~~“Sweet peppers”,~~
- ~~colour, or, as the case may be, number of peppers of each colour when the numbers of peppers of each colour are not the same.~~
- Commercial type (“elongated”, “square blunt”, “square tapering”, “flat”) or name of the variety if the contents are not visible from the outside
- ~~“Peperoncini” or equivalent denomination where appropriate.~~

C. Origin of produce

- Country ~~or, where appropriate, countries~~ of origin and, optionally, district where grown or national, regional or local place name.

D. Commercial specifications

- Class
- Size (if sized) expressed as minimum and maximum diameters or the mark “unsized” where appropriate
- Net weight or number of units (optional).
- Mini sweet peppers, baby sweet peppers, or other appropriate term for miniature produce. Where several types of miniature produce are mixed in the same package, all products and their respective origins must be mentioned.

E. Official control mark (optional)
