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**PEACHES AND NECTARINES**

Transmitted by the European Community

**Note by the secretariat:** The European Community has transmitted the following proposals for amending the UNECE Standard for Peaches and Nectarines (FFV-26). Additions have been marked in bold and deletions have been crossed out.

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## II. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

The purpose of the standard is to define the quality requirements for peaches and nectarines at the export control stage, after preparation and packaging.

### A. Minimum requirements

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~~They must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness.~~

**The development and state of maturity<sup>(2)</sup> of the peaches and nectarines must be such as to enable them:**

- **to continue their ripening process and to reach a satisfactory degree of ripeness,**
- **to withstand transport and handling,**
- **to arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination.**

**<sup>(2)</sup> The refractometric index of the peaches and nectarines flesh must be greater than or equal to 8° Brix and the firmness must be lower than 6,5 kg / 0,5 cm<sup>2</sup>.**

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## VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

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### B. Nature of produce

- "Peaches" or "Nectarines", if the contents are not visible from the outside,
- ~~Name of the variety for Classes "Extra" and I.~~
- **colour of the flesh,**
- **name of the variety (optional).**