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New Standards

This note contains proposals of the delegation of the Netherlands on the Standard for Shallots.

Proposal of NL for changes to the shallot standard (Document CE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/6)

1. Shallots :

- Is it necessary to mention the grey shallots separately as a commercial type or should it be linked to *Allium oschaninii* since these are the grey shallots. Grey shallots have a demi-long shape. The shallots of *Allium cepa* L., group *aggregatum* (or *Allium ascalonicum*) can have various colours like red, white and yellow.
- Increase the maximum diameter from 55 mm to 60 mm. The diameter of 60 mm is asked for by exporters to the Japanese and the USA markets.
- Allow the marketing of packages containing mixtures of shallots so change the chapters for presentation and provisions concerning marking

I. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE

This standard applies to shallots of varieties (cultivars) grown from *Allium cepa* L., group *aggregatum* (or *Allium ascalonicum*) and grey shallots of the varieties (cultivars) grown from *Allium oschaninii*, to be supplied fresh to the consumer, green shallots with full leaves and shallots for industrial processing being excluded.

The standard covers the following commercial types:

- Round
- Demi-long
- Long
- ~~Grey.~~

III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

The maximum diameter shall be:

- ~~55-60~~ mm for all the types of shallots.

V. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

A. Uniformity

However, a mixture of shallots of distinctly different colours and/or commercial types may be packed together in a package and/or sales unit, provided they are uniform in quality and, for each colour and/or commercial type concerned, in origin.

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VI PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

B. Name of the product

"Mixture of shallots", or equivalent denomination, in the case of packages and/or sales units containing a mixture of distinctly different colours and/or commercial types of shallot. If the produce is not visible from the outside, the colours or commercial types of the sales unit must be indicated.

C. Origin of the product

In the case of packages and/or sales units containing a mixture of distinctly different colours and/or commercial types of shallots of different origins, the indication of each country of origin shall appear next to the name of the colour and/or commercial type concerned.