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**Alignment of standards with 2009 Standard Layout**

This note contains proposals of the delegation of Italy for revising the Standard for Pears.

Comments and proposals of Italy on the Pear Standard

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## 1. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

### B. Classification

#### (i) "Extra" Class

Pears in this class must be of superior quality. In shape, size and colouring and **russeting** they must be characteristic of the variety.

Italy Comment:

Why would pears where russet is characteristic of the variety be excluded only from Extra Class?

## 2. III. PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by maximum diameter of the equatorial section or by weight.

### *Option A:*

A minimum size is required for each class as follows:

	Extra	Class I	Class II
Large fruited varieties <b>All varieties (*)</b>	60mm or 130 g	55mm or 110 g	55mm or 110 g
Other varieties	55mm or 110 g	50mm or 100 g	45mm or 75 g

**(\*) Summer pears included in the annex to this standard do not have to respect the minimum size <sup>2</sup>.**

### *Option B:*

For all varieties and all classes the minimum size is 45mm if measured by diameter or 75 grams if measured by weight.

Italy Comment:

We agree with the simplification proposed in the option B, but maintaining the classes as above.

### Point 3

#### Annex

**Size criteria for pears** (*If Option B in III Provisions concerning sizing is agreed*)

~~L = Large fruited variety~~

SP = Summer pear, for which no minimum size is required.

#### **Non-exhaustive list of ~~large fruited and~~ summer pear varieties**

~~Small fruited~~ **Summer pears and other** Varieties which do not appear in the list may be marketed as long as they meet the size requirements for other varieties as described in section III of the standard. Some of the varieties listed in the following may be marketed under names for which trademark protection has been sought or obtained in one or more countries. (7)

Italy Comment: in order to consider all the varieties that do not appear in the list.