

INF.4 Control Certificate

Contribution from Germany

This document combines

- INF.17 of the 51st session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- TRADE /WP.7/2005/9/Add.2.
- the OECD proposals to revise the Council decision C(99)10/FINAL – especially the Annex II – Operational framework for the control of the quality of produce exported under the Scheme as discussed and agreed at the 63rd session of the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables.
 - In box No. 17 the sentence has been amended, to allow quality assurance systems where the consignor or any other private company is allowed to carry out the conformity check, but the authorized (national) control service signs the certificate.
- proposals of Germany to define the size of the boxes by number of characters / lines that may be entered in the relevant boxes.

However, with respect to the information contained and the limited space in box No. 16:

- the country of origin should be given as ISO-alpha-code;
- it is common to enter the net weight only; it should be clear the net weight should be given for each lot; the total net weight of the consignment can be given additionally and on a voluntary basis;
- the validity of the certificate should be given by naming the last day of validity; this is clear, easy to check and easy to communicate electronically.

Conformity Certificate

Consignor (Importer/Exporter) 4 lines 40 characters per line – arial 10 pt		1	Conformity certificate number 20 characters	2	Control service 20 characters	3	
			Unique consignment reference 40 characters		4		
		This certificate is for the exclusive use of control service.					
Packer as indicated on packing (if other than consignor) 4 lines 40 characters per line		5	Other address details 4 lines 40 characters per line				6
Identification of means of transport (type, registration number) 3 lines 40 characters per line		7	Free text area 40 characters				8
			Country of origin ⁽¹⁾ 20 characters	9	Country of destination 20 characters	10	
Vessel/flight no/trip number 20 characters	12	Port/airport of loading 20 characters	13	Space reserved for national regulations 3 lines 40 characters per line			11
Port/airport of discharge 20 characters	14	Final place of delivery 20 characters	15				
Packages (Number and kind) 4 cha 8 cha	Nature of produce (variety/commercial type, when specified in standard) 30 characters 24 lines	Country of origin ISO-alpha-code 2 characters	Lot- number 10 cha	Quality class 5 cha	Net weight (kg) per lot 9 cha	16	
The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time of the present certificate, with the standards applied.						17	
Customs office of departure		40 characters					
Valid until (date):		8 characters (dd.mm.yyyy)					
Observations 9 lines 40 characters per line		18	Seal of control service Signatory (name in block capitals) 26 characters				19
			Place and date of issue 26 characters				20
			Signature				21

⁽¹⁾ When the produce is re-exported, indicate its origin in box 16
 Format of the certificate: printed on a 297 mm to 210 mm sheet.

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Annex

Consignor (Importer/Exporter) 4 lines 40 characters per line		1 Conformity certificate number 20 characters	2 Control service 20 characters	3		
		Unique consignment reference 40 characters			4	
		This certificate is for the exclusive use of control service.				
Packages (Number and kind) 4 cha 8 cha	Nature of produce (variety/commercial type, when specified in standard) 30 characters 36 lines	Country of origin IISO-alpha-code 2 cha	Lot- number 10 cha	Quality class 5 cha	Net weight (kg) per lot 9 cha	16
The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time of the present certificate, with the standards applied.						17
Customs office of departure 40 characters						
Valid until (date) 8 characters (dd.mm.yyyy)						
Observations 9 lines 40 characters per line						18
Seal of control service Signatory (name in block capitals) 26 characters						19
Place and date of issue 26 characters						20
Signature						21
See front page for further particulars of this consignment.						

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE USE OF THE MODEL CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE

The following notes are intended to help inspectors in the use of the conformity certificate.

Box No. 1	Consignor Name and address of the exporter or importer. An identification code issued or approved by the authorized control service may also be used.
Box No. 2	Conformity certificate number Unique number assigned to the conformity certificate.
Box No. 3	Control service Title or acronym of the authorized control service
Box No. 4	Unique consignment reference This is the unique reference assigned to the consignment, also known as UCR.
Box No. 5	Packer as indicated on packing (if other than consignor) Name and address or identification code indicated on the packages if different from that entered in Box No. 1. It is not necessary to complete this box when the consignor and packer are one and the same person. The entry "various" may be used if there are several packers, but in that case box No. 1 must be completed.
Box No. 6	Other address details This area can be used to provide any other address details that may be relevant to the conformity certificate; e. g. name and address of the control service.
Box No. 7	Identification of means of transport Used to provide transport details relating to the number of a wagon, registration number of a lorry, number of container(s), name of the vessel (possible indicating "by sea" or "by air") or any other information that may be relevant to the control certificate.
Box No. 8	Free text area
Box No. 9	Country of origin Name of the producing country when the produce is inspected in that country. When the produce is re-exported or is of various origins (domestic and foreign), the country of origin must be indicated in Box No. 16 immediately after specification of the nature of the produce. Box No. 9 should be left blank or a line should be drawn through it.
Box No. 10	Country of destination Name of country to which the produce is being sent. However, if the country of final destination is not yet known at the time of inspection – particularly in the case of transport by sea or air – this entry may be replaced by the indication "unknown".
Box No. 11	Space reserved for national regulations Specify any national regulations relating to the export / import of the produce in question, or any specific information related to national provisions.
Box No. 12	Vessel / flight no. / trip number Text field for specifying the voyage number for sea, flight number for air or trip number for road
Box No. 13	Port / airport of loading Name of a seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are loaded onto the means of transport.
Box No. 14	Port / airport of discharge Name of seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are unloaded from the means of transport.
Box No. 15	Final place of delivery The name of the place where the produce is finally delivered.

Box No. 16	<p>Each product and variety where required should be listed. Several lots from the same exporter/packer constituting a consignment or part of a consignment can be subject of a single certificate, as long as each lot is checked. In this case, box No. 16 can be divided in lines, each line giving the concerned information for a lot in the consignment.</p> <p>Number and kind of packages Number and type of packages (boxes, trays, cartons, etc.). Specification of the type of package is optional.</p> <p>Nature of produce Type of produce (apples, peaches, etc. followed by the name of the country of origin where produce is re-exported or is of various origins (domestic and foreign). Name of the variety (Golden Delicious, Dixired, etc.) when specified by the standard. The entry “various” or “mixed produce” is not allowed as this combines several lots.</p> <p>Country of origin Name of the producing country when the produce re-exported or is of various origins (domestic and foreign), the country of origin must be indicated immediately after specification of the nature of the produce. The country of origin should be given by using the ISO-alpha-code (2 letter code).</p> <p>Quality class Specify the class: EXTRA, I or II.</p> <p>Net weight (kg) per lot Specify the net weight of each lot indicated on the weighing slip or on the consignment note; specifying the total net weight of the consignment is optional.</p>
Box No. 17	<p>Customs office of departure Specify the place where the consignment must be cleared. This entry is optional.</p> <p>Duration of validity Specify the date until the certificate is valid (including the day of inspection). The duration of validity is fixed by the authorized control service on the basis of criteria specific to the nature of produce and their destination.</p> <p>Seal of control service Space for the official stamp of the authorized control service.</p>
Box No. 18	<p>Observations Reserved for any additional observations. The box should be left blank or a line should be drawn through it when no observations are to be reported.</p>
Box No. 19	<p>Signatory Authorized control service.</p>
Box No. 20	<p>Place and date of issue Place where the goods are inspected and date on which the conformity certificate is issued.</p>
Box No. 21	<p>Signature Signature of the signatory.</p>