INF.17 UNECE Standard FFV-50, Apples

Contribution from Germany

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B. Size tolerances

For all classes:

- (a) for fruit which is subject to the rules of uniformity, 10 per cent by number or weight of fruit corresponding to the size immediately above or below that marked on the package, with, for fruit classified in the smallest grade allowed a maximum variation of
 - 5 mm below the minimum diameter when size is determined by diameter
 - 10g below the minimum weight when size is determined by weight;
- (b) for fruit which is not subject to the rules of uniformity, 10 per cent by number or weight of fruit below the minimum size laid down, with a maximum variation of
 - 5 mm below the minimum diameter when size is determined by diameter
 - 10 g below the minimum weight when size is determined by weight

Problem with the existing size tolerances:

As the uniformity in size for apples sized by weight is determined as an average, it is not possible to the size immediately below or above that applied. Consequently, it is not possible to apply the size tolerances as specified above. To avoid these problems with fruits sized by weight and to simplify the size tolerances, the following proposal is presented.

Proposal for revision:

For all classes, 10 per cent by number or weight of fruit not satisfying the requirements as regards sizing. In any case, the tolerance may not be extended to include produce with a size

- 5 mm below the minimum diameter as established in Section III. when size is determined by diameter
- 10g below the minimum weight as established in Section III. when size is determined by weight;