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REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

Addendum 1

UNECE Standards for Melons and Table Grapes

Note by the secretariat: This document contains the amendments proposed to the standards for melons and table grapes.

1. Amendments to the UNECE Standard for Melons

At the 51st session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables it was decided to propose to the Working Party to amend the standard as follows:

- Under II A. Minimum requirements delete the sentence:

"The melons must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness²."

- Delete footnote 2.
- Insert the following new section:

"B. Minimum maturity requirements

The melons must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness. In order to satisfy this requirement the refractometric index of the pulp measured at the middle point of the fruit flesh and at the equatorial section must be greater than or equal to 10° Brix for Charentais type melons and 8° Brix for other melons.

- Renumber existing section "II B." to "II C.".
- Under VI B. replace the second indent with the following two indents:
 - "- Name of the commercial type
 - Name of the variety (optional)"

2. Amendments to the UNECE Standard for Table Grapes

At the 51st session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables it was decided to propose to the Working Party to adopt the following amendments as a UNECE Recommendation for a two-year trial period until 2007.

- Under II A. Minimum requirements delete the sentence:

"The bunches must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness."

- Amend existing section II B. to read as follows:

"B. Minimum maturity requirements

The table grapes must be sufficiently developed and display satisfactory ripeness.

In order to satisfy this requirement, the fruit must have attained a refractometric index of at least:

- 14°Brix for all seedless varieties,
- 13° Brix for all other varieties.

In addition all varieties must have a minimum sugar/acid ratio of 18:1."

Note by the secretariat: The changes to the list of varieties have already been implemented in the standard on the UNECE website as they do not have to be confirmed by the Working Party.