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Proposal by the delegation of Sweden to amend the standard for berry fruits *

Submitted by the secretariat

The following proposals (highlighted) were submitted by the delegation of Sweden for consideration by the Specialized Section.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2019/10 section IV, ECE/CTCS/2019/2 Decision 2019-8.6, and A/75/6 (Sect.20) and supplementary information.

Sweden proposes that cloudberries and wild blueberries be exempted from the minimum requirement "intact" and that only a very slight leakage of juice is allowed.

Under Section II. Provisions concerning quality A. Minimum requirements, one of the minimum requirements currently states that the berries must be:

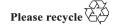
intact

Also under Section II. C. Classification, Class I, the standard states that:

"The following slight defects, however, may be allowed, provided these do not affect the general appearance of the produce, the quality, the keeping quality and presentation in the package.

- · very slight leakage of juice,
- · very slight bruising."

<u>Motivation</u>: Minimum requirements should apply regardless of class, with the exception of wild cloudberries and wild blueberries. These delicate berries can practically never meet the requirement to be intact and have a very slight leakage of juice. It is proposed to amend the standard accordingly.



^{*} Submitted late due to secretariat resource constraints.