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Revision of standards**Proposal by the delegation of Germany to amend the standard for citrus fruits****Submitted by the delegation of Germany**

The following proposal was submitted for consideration by the Specialized Section.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2021/2 Decision 2021-07-02 and Decision 2021-07-07, ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2021/2 paragraph 66, and A/76/6 (Sect.20).

Under section VI – B. Nature of produce

This section lists a number of terms used to describe the different citrus species covered by the marketing standard and which may/shall be used for labelling purposes.

However, the term "juice oranges" is not mentioned in this list.

The term "juice oranges" is not defined in the marketing standards. It is used in the literature and in the trade to refer to varieties suitable for juicing.

When dealing with varieties such as the Valencia group, Pera or Salustiana, the use of this term is appropriate. However, in the case of small-calibre Navel oranges, where the navel is often only visible at second glance, the term "juice oranges" is cheating the consumer, as the juice yield of Navels is extremely low. In addition, the juice of Navels becomes bitter after a short standing time due to its content of limonin glucoside, which decomposes to limonin under sunlight. In this respect, the labelling "juice oranges" on (small calibre) oranges of the Navel group is to be objected to as misleading.

Proposal: It is proposed to introduce the term "juice oranges" in this list (VI.B) as optional indication. In addition, in the list of citrus varieties published by the UNECE an indication should be added which of the varieties are not intended / suitable for juicing.

Rationale: This clarification would avoid misleading consumers and contribute to a coherent approach to international trade.

