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Revision of UNECE Standards

UNECE Standard for Early and Ware Potatoes FFV-52 (2011)

Proposal by Hungary

Hungary is planning to introduce the standard for early and ware potatoes in its national legislation.

Having consulted with the industry and producers, the delegation of Hungary would like to seek clarification on one of the provisions in the minimum requirements, as well as to suggest some changes to provisions concerning tolerances.

Minimum requirements provision:

- grey, blue or black sub-epidermal stains; exceeding 5 mm in depth in the case of ware potatoes

Hungary has interpretation problems as far as the depth of stains is concerned. We would also like to ask how many stains are allowed and how large they can be?

Changes to provisions concerning tolerances:

A. Quality tolerances

(a) Tubers not satisfying the minimum requirements shall be allowed:

- ~~46~~ per cent by weight of tubers of early potatoes
- ~~68~~ per cent by weight of tubers of ware potatoes.

However, within this tolerance, a maximum of 1 per cent by weight of tubers affected by dry or wet rot shall be allowed.

Hungary suggests that the above sentence be replaced with:

Within this tolerance, a maximum of 5 per cent by weight of tubers affected by dry rot and a maximum of 3 per cent by weight of tubers affected by wet rot shall be allowed.