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COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL

CONCERNING GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE LABELLING AND
IDENTIFICATION OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES UNDER THE
O.E.C.D. SCHEME FOR THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

(Adopted by the Council at its 294th Meeting
on 9th June, 1972)

The Council,

Having regard to Article 5(b) and (c) of the Convention
of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
on 14th December, 1960;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of
4th February, 1969, Establishing an O.E.C.D. Scheme for the
Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables
/C(68)134(Final)/, as amended /C(69)118(Final), C(69)119(Final),
C(70)119(Final) and C(70)181(Final)/;

On the proposal of the Committee for Agriculture;

RECOMMENDS:

1. That countries adhering to the O.E.C.D. Scheme for the
Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables
should apply under the Scheme the general provisions concerning
the labelling and identification of fresh fruit and vegetables
as set out in the Appendix.
2. The national representatives responsible for control
shall report to the Secretary-General where necessary on the
implementation of this Recommendation and on any difficulties
encountered in its application. The substance of this report
shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to a Plenary
Meeting provided by the Decision of the Council of
23rd September, 1969 /C(69)118(Final)/ amending the above-
mentioned Decision of 4th February, 1969.

APPENDIX

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE LABELLING
AND IDENTIFICATION OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES(1)

I

PURPOSE

1. These provisions concern the marking of consignments of fresh fruit and vegetables to which common standards apply in accordance with the provisions of those standards in connection with "marking". The application of these provisions does not exempt exporting countries from complying with the specific laws and regulations relating to the descriptive labelling of produce in force in importing countries.
2. The packer and/or dispatcher is responsible for marking in the exporting country, as defined in paragraph 1.

II

TYPES AND METHODS OF MARKING

3. The descriptive markings stipulated by the standards should be affixed as follows:

- either on a label of one of the types shown in Annex I and fixed in such a way as to ensure its conservation;
- or by means of an ink stamp or printing;
- or by a combination of both methods.

Whichever method is used, the stipulated particulars must be indelibly marked, clearly visible and legible and grouped together on one side or end of the package.

4. The minimum dimensions and layout of labels of the types illustrated in Annex I apply solely to the part of the label on which the particulars expressly required by the standards must appear.

In cases where labels corresponding to model No. 1 or No. 2 are used, the name and address or code mark of the packer and/or dispatcher may be separated from the other stipulated particulars provided they remain on the same side or end of the package.

(1) These provisions do not concern the labelling of pre-packaged units for direct sale to the consumer.

5. Where particulars are ink-stamped or printed, the area so covered must be at least as large as that covered by the corresponding type of label.

6. The particulars appearing on labels or ink stamps or directly printed must be printed, and not handwritten, in roman lettering and in a language generally understood in the country of destination. Figures should be at least 7mm. in height.

Depending on the method of packaging used, the labelling will be done as follows:

(i) for consignments in packages of whatever type, each package will be provided with a label (or ink stamp) corresponding to model No. 1 or No. 2;

For consignments in transparent bags or nets, the Model No. 1 label may be placed inside the package provided it remains clearly visible and legible from the outside;

(ii) for consignments in containers or transcontainers, a label corresponding to model No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3 will be affixed to the inside of the container or transcontainer;

(iii) for bulk consignments in a means of transport or a compartment of the same, a label corresponding to model No. 3 will be affixed to the inside.

7. Means of transport or packages used for the consignment of prepackaged units must be labelled in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.

III

DOWNGRADING

8. Where a consignment is compulsorily or voluntarily downgraded, the indication of the previous quality grading will be over stamped or cancelled indelibly and the new quality grading put on according to the same procedure as before.

If No. 2 type labels are used, the downgrading will be done by tearing off or obliterating one or more of the grade identification strips until the appropriate one is reached.

If an official downgrading sticker of the type shown in Annex II is used, this will be stuck on top of the previous grade mark.

ANNEX I

Model No. 1

This part may
be separated.

Name and address of packer and/or dispatcher: (or code mark)	
Nature of produce (where necessary): Variety (or commercial type):	
Country of origin: Trade name (where appropriate):	Class:
Size: (where appropriate)	Weight, number of units (where appropriate):

Model No. 2

This part may
be separated.

Name and address of packer and/or dispatcher (or code mark)			
Nature of produce: (where necessary) Variety (or commercial type):	II	I	Extra
Country of origin: Trade name: (where appropriate)			
Size: (where appropriate)	Weight, number of units (where appropriate)		

Model 3

Reference number of means of transport used	Name and address of packer and/or dispatcher (or code mark)
Nature of produce (where necessary): Variety (or commercial type):	
Country of origin: Trade name: (where appropriate)	Class:
Size: (where appropriate)	Weight, number of units: (where appropriate)

The national official control mark which is optional in the standards may possibly be added to the above models.

ANNEX II

EXAMPLE OF CONTROL MARK

indicating the category and the identity of the
official control centre authorising the downgrading

