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OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables

GUIDELINES ON RISK ANALYSIS

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CRITERIA FOR DEFINING INSPECTION PRIORITIES (RISK ANALYSIS)

Remark: the inspection priorities must focus on export

Unless legal provisions so specify, the competent control service may carry out systematic control of all lots or establish a risk analysis system. In the latter case the control service may lay down in advance objective criteria for assessing the risk of lots not conforming on the basis of a risk analysis. The criteria to conduct this risk analysis may include the following:

- Nature of produce.
- Period of production.
- Country or region of production.
- Means of transport (air, sea, railway, road).
- Volume of the lot. Name of the operator or shipper. The following parameters could be attached to this criteria.
- Volume or value marketed.
- Management of quality control.
- Observations during previous inspections (number and kind of defects).
- Time passed since the last inspection.
- Produce range.
- Client appointed to receive the lot.
- Place of control (packhouse, harbour, inspection centre etc.).
- Information received from other competent control services.
- Etc.

The control service may determine a minimum inspection frequency per year/campaign and trader, to ensure sufficient compliance with the standards according to the level of risk.