



MARKETING STANDARDS

HEADED CABBAGES

(Brassica olearca L.)



PRODUCT: HEADED CABBAGES (<i>Brassica olearca L.</i>)		FILE NUMBER: 10 VERSION: 3 SOURCE: EU	
VARIETIES: <i>capitata and sabauda</i>			
0. REFERENCE	Regulation 634/2006 of 25 April 2006 Regulation 782/2007 of 3 July 2007		
1. DEFINITION	This standard applies to head cabbages for supply fresh to the consumer. Cabbages for industrial use are excluded.		
2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS			
Intact, sound, clean, fresh in appearance, not burst (no sign of flower development), practically free from pests and their damages, free of abnormal external moisture, free of any foreign smell and/or taste. The stem should be cut slightly below the lowest point of the leaf growth; the leaves should remain firmly attached, and the cut should be clean.			
3. DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION			
Development and condition must be such as to enable them to withstand transport and handling, and to arrive in satisfactory condition at destination.			
4. CLASSIFICATION			
Class I:	Good quality. Characteristic of the variety. Having regard to the species, they should be compact. Green headed cabbages may be. According to the variety, headed cabbages must have firmly attached leaves. Store cabbages may have some of their outer leaves removed. Green Savoy and early headed cabbages must be properly trimmed (protection leaves may be left). Defects admitted: - small cracks in the outer leaves, - slight bruising and light trimming of the outer leaves, provided that it does not affect the good condition of the produce, - slight damage due to frost.		
Tolerance: 10% by number or weight out of standards, but within Class II standards or, exceptionally, coming within the tolerances of that class.			
Class II:	Differences from Class I: cracks in the outer leaves, more of the outer leaves may be removed or extensively trimmed, larger bruises, less compact and frost damage.		
Tolerance: 10% by number or weight of out of standards, with the exception of produce affected by deterioration affecting consumption (e.g. rotting)			
5. SIZING	By weight: Net weight: ≥ 350 g per unit. Compulsory for head cabbages presented in packages. The weight of the heaviest head in any one package must not be \geq double the weight of the lightest head. When the heaviest head weight is ≤ 2 kg, the difference between the heaviest and the lightest head may be ≤ 1 kg. Miniature produce are exempt from these size requirements. Size tolerance: 10% by number or weight of head cabbages out of specifications (uniformity and min. size), and no head may weight < 300 g.		
6. PRESENTATION	Uniformity: in origin, variety and quality. For Class I, also uniformity in shape and colour. Miniature cabbages must be reasonably uniform in size. A mixture of various types of cabbage of uniform quality is acceptable. Visible part of the contents of the package or lot must be representative of the entire content. Packaging: The produce must be packed in such a way to assure its protection. Materials must be new, clean and of a proper quality. Non-toxic ink or glue. Packages must be free of all foreign matter. Stickers individually affixed to products shall be removable without leaving a visible trace of glue or damaging the fruit skin. Mixed products: Heads may be mixed, in sales packages of < 3 Kg net weight, with different types of fresh fruit and vegetables on the condition laid down by the Regulation 48/2003 of 10 January 2003.		
7. MARKING -legibly and indelibly marked, - grouped on the same side, - visible from the outside.	Identification: The name and address of the packer and/or dispatcher, which can be replaced on: <i>packages but not pre-packages</i> by a code mark (officially issued or accepted) of the packer and/or dispatcher. The latter should be accompanied by the words "packer and/or dispatcher" (or equivalent abbreviations); or <i>pre-packages only</i> by the name and address of a seller in the EU in close connection with the words "Packed for:" and a code to represent the packer and/or distributor (coded information must be available on request). Packages containing sales packages visible from the outside, marked with the above markings, must be free of markings. Where palletised, the pallet should be labelled with the above information on two sides. Nature of the produce: - 'White head cabbages', or equivalent, where not visible from the outside. Commercial specifications: Class: 'Mini cabbages' or other appropriate term for miniature produce, where appropriate. For heads dispatched in bulk, the above particulars appear on a document accompanying the goods or on a notice placed in a visible position inside the means of transport.		
8. CONTAMINANTS			
Heavy metals	Maximum level	Commission Regulation	Sampling & Analysis methods
Lead (Pb)	0,3 mg/kg wet weight	466/2001	Directive 2001/22/EC
Cadmium (Cd)	0,05 mg/kg wet weight	466/2001	Directive 2001/22/EC