



MARKETING STANDARDS

FENNEL (*Foeniculum bulgare Mill.*)



PRODUCT: FENNEL (<i>Foeniculum bulgare Mill.</i>) VARIETIES: Several	FILE NUMBER: 6 VERSION: 1 SOURCE: OECD-UN/ECE		
0. REFERENCE UN/ECE STANDARD FFV-16			
1. DEFINITION This standard applies to fennel for supply fresh to the consumer. Fennel for industrial use is excluded.			
2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS Intact (except for roots and leaves which must be trimmed), sound, clean, fresh in appearance, practically free from pests and their damages, at a sufficient stage of development, firm, not running to seed (visible shoots removed), not affected by frost, free of abnormal external moisture (adequately dried if washed), free of any foreign smell and/or taste. Roots must be cut close to the base of the bulbous part. The length of the leafy ribs of the heart must be ≤ 7 cm.			
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. Of regular shape specific of the variety or type. Outer ribs: compact, fleshy, tender and white. Defects admitted, if they do not affect appearance, quality, postharvest life or presentation: - slight bruising - slight healed cracks. 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: Defects admitted, provided they retain their essential characteristics of quality, keeping quality and presentation: - healed injuries ≤ 3 cm in length. - Green patches on the outside of the bulb covering $\leq 1/3$ of its surface. Tolerance: 10% by number or weight out of standards, with the exception of produce affected by deterioration affecting consumption (e.g. rotting).			
5. SIZING	By diameter (maximum diameter of the equatorial section): <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Min. diameter: 60 mm</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Max. variation in the same package: 20 mm</td> </tr> </table>	Min. diameter: 60 mm	Max. variation in the same package: 20 mm
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	Size requirements shall not apply to miniature produce. Size tolerance: 10% by number or weight out of specifications. In any case the tolerance may not be extended to include fennel with a diameter < 55 mm.		
6. PRESENTATION	Uniformity: in origin, variety or type, quality and size and of appreciably the same shape. The visible part must be representative of the entire contents. Miniature fennel must be reasonably uniform in size. They may be mixed with other miniature products of a different type and origin.		
	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 inks or glues Packages free of all foreign matter.		
7. MARKING -legibly and indelibly marked, - grouped on the same side, -visible from the outside.	Identification: Name and address or code mark (officially issued or accepted) of packer and/or dispatcher. The latter should be accompanied by the words “ packer and/or dispatcher (or equivalent abbreviations)”. (Explicit declaration of name and address is required by national legislation of a number of countries).		
	Nature of the produce: -‘Fennel’, if not visible from the outside.	Origin: Country (comp) and district or local name (opt)	
	Commercial specifications: Class; Size expressed as minimum - maximum diameter; Net weight or number of units; ‘Mini fennel’, ‘baby fennel’, or other appropriate term for miniature produce (where several types of miniature produce are mixed in the same package, all products and their origins must be mentioned).	Official control mark: (opt)	
Package units of produce pre-packed for direct sale to consumer shall not be subject to these marking provisions but shall conform to national requirements. However, these marking provisions shall in any event be shown on the transport packaging containing such package units.			