



MARKETING STANDARDS

LEEKS (*Allium porrum L.*)



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| PRODUCT: LEEKS (<i>Allium porrum L.</i>) | | FILE NUMBER: 21 |
| VARIETIES: Several | | VERSION: 2 |
| 0. REFERENCE | | SOURCE: EU |
| Regulation 2396/2001 of 7 December 2001 Amended by: regulation 46/2003 of 10 January 2003, Reg. 907/2004 of 29 April 2004. | | |
| 1. DEFINITION | | |
| This standard applies to leeks for supply fresh to the consumer. Leeks for industrial use are excluded. | | |
| 2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS | | |
| Intact (roots and ends may be cut); sound, clean (roots may have soil adhering to them), fresh in appearance (with wilted or withered leaves removed), practically free from pests and their damages, not running to seed, free of abnormal external moisture (i.e. adequately "dried" if they have been washed), free of any foreign smell and/or taste. | | |
| 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 or commercial type. The white to greenish part must represent: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least 1/3 of the total length or 1/2 of the sheathed part, - early leeks ^(*): 1/4 of the total length or 1/3 of the sheathed part. | | |
| Defects admitted, if these do not affect appearance, quality, postharvest life or presentation: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - slight superficial defects, - slight damage caused by thrips on the leaves, but not elsewhere, - slight traces of soil within the shaft. | | |
| Tolerance: - Early leeks: 10% by number or weight showing a tender flowering stem enclosed within the sheathed part and 10 % of the leeks out of standards for other reasons, but within Class II standards or, exceptionally, coming within the tolerances of that class. | | |
| - Other Leeks: 10 % by number or weight out of standards, but within Class II standards or, exceptionally, coming within the tolerances of that class. | | |
| Class II: The white to greenish white part must represent at least 1/4 of the total length or 1/3 of the sheathed part. | | |
| Defects admitted, provided these do not affect appearance, quality, postharvest life or presentation: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a tender flowering stem enclosed within the sheathed part, - slight defects in colouring, - traces of soil within the shaft, - only on the leaves: slight bruising, damage caused by thrips and slight traces of rust. | | |
| Tolerance: 10% by number or weight out of standards, with the exception of produce affected by deterioration affecting consumption (e.g. rotting, marked bruising) | | |
| (*) Early leeks: direct-drilled, not transplant leeks, harvested from late winter to early summer. | | |
| 5. SIZING By diameter | By diameter: (measured at right angles to the longitudinal axis above the swelling of the neck) | |
| | Fixed min. diameters: 8 mm for early leeks and 10 mm for other leeks. | |
| | For Class I ; the difference in diameter between the largest and the smallest leek in the same bundle or package must be ≤ than twice the diameter of the smallest one. | |
| 6. PRESENTATION | Size tolerance: 10% by number or weight of leeks out of specifications. | |
| | Uniformity: in origin, variety or commercial type, quality, size (where is prescribed) and appreciably the same degree of development and colouring. | |
| | 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. | |
| | Presentation: (a) arranged evenly in a package (b) in bundles, whether or not in a package. The bundles in each package should be practically uniform. | |
| | Mixed products: Leeks 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 -visible from outside For produce in a package: -legibly and indelibly marked, -grouped on the same side. | 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: - 'Leeks', if not visible from the outside, - 'Early leeks', where appropriate. | Origin: Country (comp) and district or local name (opt) |
| | Commercial specifications: Class; Number of bundles (for leeks packed in bundles and presented in a package). | Official control mark: (opt) |
| | For leeks, 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 | | |



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| Heavy metals | Maximum level | Commission Regulation | Sampling & Analysis methods |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lead (Pb) | 0,1 mg/kg wet weight | 466/2001 | Directive 2001/22/EC |
| Cadmium (Cd) | 0,1 mg/kg wet weight | 466/2001 | Directive 2001/22/EC |