



MARKETING STANDARDS

MELONS (*Cucumis melo* L.)



PRODUCT: MELONS (<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.)	FILE NUMBER: 25			
VARIETIES: Several	VERSION: 3			
	SOURCE: EU			
0. REFERENCE	Regulation 1615/2001 of 7 August 2001. Amended by: Reg. 46/2003 of 10 January 2003, Reg. 907/2004 of 29 April 2004 and Reg. 1016/2006 of 4 July 2006.			
1. DEFINITION	This standard applies to melons for supply fresh to the consumer. Melons for industrial use are excluded.			
2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS				
Intact, sound, clean, fresh in appearance, practically free from pests and their damages, firm, free of abnormal external moisture, free of any foreign smell and/or taste.				
3. DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITION				
Sufficiently developed melons and displaying satisfactory ripeness (≥ 10 °Brix for Charentais melons and ≥ 8 ° Brix for other melons, measured at the middle point of the flesh at the equatorial section). 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. If peduncle is attached, it should be < 2 cm length. Defects admitted, if these do not affect appearance, quality, postharvest life or presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a slight defect in shape and/or in colouring (pale rind area due to ground contact while growing, is not considered a defect), - slight blemishes (due to rubbing or handling), - slight healed cracks around the peduncle, not affecting the pulp (< 2cm). 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, if they do not affect appearance, quality or postharvest life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - defects in shape and/or in colouring (pale rind area due to ground contact while growing, is not considered a defect), - slight bruising, - slight dry cracks or deep scratches that do not affect the pulp, - skin blemishes (due to rubbing or handling). 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 weight or diameter Compulsory for both Classes	By weight: (of one unit)			
	Type of melon	Weight	Difference between the largest and the smallest fruit	
	Charentais, Ogen and Galia	≥ 250 g	$\leq 30\%$ for Charentais type $\leq 50\%$ for others	
	Other melons	≥ 300 g	$\leq 50\%$	
	By diameter: (of the equatorial section)			
	Type of melon	Diameter	Difference between the largest and the smallest fruit	
Charentais, Ogen and Galia	7,5 cm	$\leq 10\%$ for Charentais type $\leq 20\%$ for others		
Other melons	8,0 cm	$\leq 20\%$		
Size tolerance: 10% by number or weight of fruit out of specifications.				
6. PRESENTATION	Uniformity: in origin, variety or commercial type, quality, size, degree of development and ripeness, and in colour. The visible part must be representative of the entire contents.			
	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: Melons 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.			
	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.			
7. MARKING -legibly and indelibly marked, - grouped on the same side, - visible from the outside.	Nature of the produce: -Name commercial type - Name of variety (optional)		Origin: Country (comp) and district or local name (opt)	
	Commercial specifications: Class; size expressed by min. and max. weights or diameters; number of units (opt); min. sugar content (degree Brix) (opt).		Official control mark: (opt)	
	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)	0,05 mg/kg wet weight	466/2001	Directive 2001/22/EC