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Working Party on Standardization of  
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Meeting of Experts on Co-ordination of  
Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables  
(Forty-fourth session, 2 - 6 November 1998, Geneva)

Item 4(g) of the Provisional Agenda

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF STANDARDS  
CITRUS FRUIT

Note by the secretariat

The following proposal to amend the Standard for Citrus Fruit has been submitted by the delegation of South Africa.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STANDARD FOR CITRUS FRUIT (FFV-14)

II. B. Maturity requirements

- (a) Delete underlining of "Minimum requirements"
- (b) "3. Colouring" should be deleted as colour can not really be used as a parameter to determine maturity.
- (c) "Satsumas, clementines and other mandarin varieties and their hybrids"  
We are of the opinion that the standards set may be too low. We would like to suggest that the "Minimum juice content" be raised to "40 %" and the "Minimum sugar/acid ratio" be raised to "6,5 : 1".
- (d) "Oranges"  
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- (e) "Grapefruit and its hybrids"  
  
A TSS level of 9 % is acceptable if it only refers to Oroblanco. If it refers to all grapefruit, it is unacceptable. We would like to propose a TSS of 8% to all grapefruit varieties.

Proposal for consideration :

"Minimum juice content ... 35%  
Minimum sugar/acid ratio ... 5,0 : 1  
Minimum sugar content (TSS), excluding Oroblanco ... 8%  
Minimum sugar content (TSS), Oroblanco ... 9%".

VI. PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

B. Nature of Produce

Fourth indent : "for lemons, possible the indications ..."

The word "possibly" is a vague term. We suggest the following :

"- for lemons: the name of the commercial type may be optionally indicated".

D. Commercial Specifications

- (iii) Net weight of the package (optional): For limequats and kumquats

We propose the following to replace point (iv) :

The term "degreened" or "green skinned " where applicable must be mentioned on the document accompanying the produce.