COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 460/81

of 24 February 1981

derogating from the common quality standards for tomatoes laid down in Council Regulation No 23

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1367/80 (2), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 2 (3) thereof,

Whereas the common quality standards for tomatoes were laid down in Annex II/2 of Council Regulation No 23 of 4 April 1962 (3), as amended by Regulation No 190/67/EEC (4), and supplemented with regard to class III by Annex II to Regulation No 211/66/EEC (5);

Whereas major developments have taken place in tomato cultivation techniques and, in particular, in the choice of variety; whereas the common quality standards must take account of such developments; whereas, moreover, sufficient experience should be acquired before final amendments are made to the common standards; whereas, at the present moment, derogations should again be made, for a period of one marketing year, from the common quality standards for tomatoes;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1981 marketing year, the following derogations are made to the provisions of Annex II/2 to Regulation No 23:

1. In Title II 'Quality requirements', under 'C. Classification, (ii) Class I', last paragraph, there is added the following:

'— "semi-ribbed" tomatoes (1).

In the case of semi-ribbed tomatoes, fruits shall be allowed to have:

— slight irregularities, in shape, but no excessive deformation,

— small umbilicus, but no suberization,

— suberization of the stigma up to 1 cm².

— fine blossom scar in elongated form (like a seam), but not longer than two thirds of the greatest diameter of the fruit.

(1) Semi-ribbed tomatoes are the product of the crossing of round and ribbed varieties, generally comprise four segments and include among others the varieties Dombo, Dombito, Westona, No 493, No 1141, Duranto, Rianto, Quanto, Kretano, Cantato, Delisa, Aloïsa, No 6163, No 6533, No 6017, Vemone, Carnelo, Marone, Eurovite, Marcanto, Virovite, Elvira. These tomatoes are marketed under the name "Vleestomaten", "Fleischtomaten", "Beef tomatoes", "Kødtomater", "Beefsteak tomatoes".'

2. In Title II 'Quality requirements', under 'C. Classification, (iii) Class II', there is added the following:

'In the case of semi-ribbed tomatoes, fruits shall be allowed to have:

— more marked deformations , but without being misshapen,

— umbilicus,

— suberization of the stigma up to 2 cm²,

— fine blossom scar in elongated form (like a seam).'

3. In Title III 'Sizing', under 'B. Uniformity', there is added after the first subparagraph the following:

'"Semi-ribbed" tomatoes:

Scale of diameters in mm

102 and over
from 82 up to but excluding 102
from 67 up to but excluding 82
from 57 up to but excluding 67
from 47 up to but excluding 57
from 40 up to but excluding 47
from 35 up to but excluding 40'

(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 140, 5. 6. 1980, p. 24.
(3) OJ No 30, 20. 4. 1962, p. 965/62.
(4) OJ No 133, 29. 6. 1967, p. 2795/67.
(5) OJ No 233, 20. 12. 1966, p. 3939/66.

4. In Title VI 'Marking', under 'D. Commercial specifications', second indent, there is added the following :

'Or "semi-ribbed"; the latter description may be replaced by "Vleestomaten", "Fleischtomaten", "Beef tomatoes", "Kødtomater" or "Beefsteak tomatoes".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply until 31 December 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1981.

For the Commission

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