COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2121/86

of 7 July 1986

amending Regulation No 80/63/EEC on the quality control of fruit and vegetables imported from third countries

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 1351/86 (2), and in particular Article 11,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2162/84 (3) amended the quality standards for dessert apples and pears provided for in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1641/71 (4) by laying down that the fruit must be sufficiently developed so that it can continue its maturing process and to attain the degree of maturity required in relation to the varietal characteristics;

Whereas, in the case of apples, experience has shown that, in some cases, difficulties may be encountered in the task of verifying this state of development; whereas, in order to facilitate the work of the control bodies, the methods to be used for judging this development should be specified;

Whereas Commission Regulation No 80/63/EEC (5), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1857/85 (6), should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Regulation No 80/63/EEC, Article 4a is hereby replaced by the following:

'*Article 4a*

In the case of apples the competent body may refer to a colorimetric scale and/or apply a starch regression test (iodine test) in order to verify that the requirement laid down in the quality standards for apples and pears under the first indent of the last subparagraph of Title II A of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1641/71 is met.'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 7 July 1986.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 119, 8. 5. 1986, p. 46.
(3) OJ No L 197, 27. 7. 1984, p. 27.
(4) OJ No L 172, 31. 7. 1971, p. 1.
(5) OJ No 121, 3. 8. 1963, p. 2137/63.
(6) OJ No L 174, 4. 7. 1985, p. 31.