COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1654/87

of 12 June 1987

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2213/83 as regards the quality standards for onions

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 the second subparagraph of Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3398/84 (3) introduced a derogation for a limited period from the quality standard for onions set in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2213/83 (4);

Whereas the period of derogation was extended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2193/86 (5);

Whereas, as a result, sufficient experience of the rules as there defined has been acquired and the quality standards for onions should now be altered on a permanent basis;

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

In Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2213/83 the provisions of Title II, 'Provisions concerning quality', are amended as follows:

1. Under A, 'Minimum requirements', the first indent is replaced by:

   '— intact,'

2. Under B, 'Classification':

   (a) in (i) 'Class I', the last paragraph is replaced by the following:

   'The following are, however, permitted:

   — light staining which does not affect the last dried skin protecting the flesh, provided it does not cover more than one-fifth of the surface of the bulb,

   — small cracks in the outer skins and the absence of part of the outer skins provided that the flesh is protected.';

   (b) in (ii) 'Class II', the second sentence of the last paragraph is replaced by the following:

   'The following, however, are permitted:

   — staining which does not affect the last dried skin protecting the flesh provided it does not cover more than half the surface of the bulb,

   — cracks in the outer skins and the absence of a part of the outer skins from not more than one-third of the surface of the bulb, provided the flesh remains intact.';

   (c) in (iii) 'Class III', the following indent is added:

   '— staining which does not affect the last dried skin protecting the flesh.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1987.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 June 1987.

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 314, 4. 12. 1984, p. 14.
(4) OJ No L 213, 4. 8. 1983, p. 13.
(5) OJ No L 190, 12. 7. 1986, p. 57.