COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1167/1999

of 3 June 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 831/97 laying down marketing standards applicable to avocados

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 857/1999 [2], and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

(1) Whereas the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/97 [3] lays down the marketing standard applicable to avocados;

(2) Whereas UN/ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) Standard FFV-42 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of avocados moving in international trade between and to UN/ECE member countries has been amended at recent meetings of the ECE Working Party on Standardisation of Perishable Produce and Quality Development; whereas Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 provides that account is to be taken of the UN/ECE standards recommended by that Working Party when standards are adopted on fruit and vegetables; whereas the Community standard for avocados should accordingly be brought into line with the corresponding UN/ECE standard;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 831/97 is amended as follows:

1. in Title II 'PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY', point A 'Minimum requirements', second paragraph, first sentence, 'firm at the point of dispatch, and' is added after 'must be';
2. in Title V 'PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION', point A 'Uniformity', the first paragraph is replaced by the following (including footnote [1]):

   'The contents of each package must be uniform and contain only avocados of the same origin, variety, quality, coloration [1] and size.

   [1] A change in the colour of the dark-skinned varieties is not considered as a defect, but the colouring of the fruit in each package must be uniform at the point of dispatch.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 3 June 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 7.
[3] OJ L 119, 8.5.1997, p. 13.