NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry PointTechnical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada111 Sussex DriveOttawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2CanadaTelephone: (343)203-4273Fax: (613)943-0346Email: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Apples, fresh (HS 080810400100); apples, fresh, organic (080810400000); apricots, fresh (HS 080910402000); apricots, fresh, organic (HS 080910402002); asparagus, fresh (HS 070920000000); asparagus, fresh, organic (HS 070920000200); grapes, fresh (HS 080610000000); grapes, fresh, organic (HS 080610405000); peaches, fresh (HS 080930000000); pears, fresh (HS 080830400300); pears, fresh, organic (HS 080830400400); plums, fresh (HS 080940400700); plums, fresh, organic (HS 080940400702); nectarine, fresh (HS 080930400600); nectarine, fresh, organic (HS 080930400602); Fresh or chilled asparagus (HS 070920); Fresh grapes (HS 080610); Fresh apples (HS 080810); Fresh pears (HS 080830); Fresh apricots (HS 080910); Fresh peaches, incl. nectarines (HS 080930); Fresh plums and sloes (HS 080940) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed Amendment to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 - Fresh Fruit or Vegetables. - Standard for apples (9 and 11 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for apricots (3 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for asparagus (2 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for grapes (2 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for peaches (2 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for pears (5 pages, available in English and French); - Standard for plums and prunes (4 and 3 pages, available in English and French); and - Standard for nectarines (2 pages, available in English and French). |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Certain fresh fruit or vegetables (FFV) must be graded in order to be marketed in import or interprovincial trade in Canada. FFV grades and requirements are maintained and enforced by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in an incorporated by reference (IbR) document titled "Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 - Fresh Fruit or Vegetables", incorporated into the [*Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*](https://inspection.canada.ca/english/reg/jredirect2.shtml?sfcrrsac) (SFCR). CFIA is proposing to modernize and harmonize existing grade requirements related to the quality of FFV and introduce new grade standards to certain commodities. This consultation is being conducted in phases to solicit feedback on proposed changes to the grades and requirements for FFV. Each phase will focus on a different group of commodities. A notification will be sent for each phase of the consultation. This phase focuses on the proposed changes to grades and requirements for apples, apricots, asparagus, grapes, peaches, pears, plums and prunes, including a new standard for nectarines. The Proposed Amendment to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 - Fresh Fruit or Vegetables include:* changes to size requirements;
* clarifications to terminology for defects and tolerances; and
* the introduction of new standard for nectarines.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Existing grades and requirements are outlined in the current ''Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 – Fresh Fruit or Vegetables'' incorporated by reference into the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*. The objective of the proposed changes is to reflect market needs: 1. changes in consumer demand and demographics;
2. developments in technology and innovation, including but not limited to plant and variety breeding;
3. improved and innovative production practices, storage and packing technologies;
4. harmonization of standards with international trading partners, and
5. new grade standards where there are none existing and for which industry consensus has been achieved.

In response to these market needs, the proposed changes include new size requirements, clarifications to terminology for defects and tolerances, and the introduction of new standards for certain commodities. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Proposed changes to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 - Fresh Fruit or Vegetables:<https://inspection.canada.ca/eng/1635177704225/1635177997772> (English)<https://inspection.canada.ca/fra/1635177704225/1635177997772> (French)Phase 2: proposed changes to grades and requirements for apples, apricots, asparagus, grapes, peaches, pears, plums and prunes, including a new standard for nectarines<https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/eng/1638986038379/1638986039223> (English)<https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/fra/1638986038379/1638986039223> (French)Note: Phase 1 was notified under G/TBT/N/CAN/654. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined. The proposed changes will come into effect immediately upon final publication, with a proposed 6-month transition period, during which time regulated parties may comply with either the previous or new requirements. Following the proposed 6-month transition period, the previous requirements will cease to apply and all regulated parties must comply with the new requirements.  |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 11 February 2022 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** The electronic version of the regulatory texts can be found at: - Standard for apples <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-1/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-ap/eng/1638987888530/1638987889295> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-1/fra/1638987888530/1638987889295> (French)- Standard for apricots <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-ap/eng/1638992932173/1638992932501> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638992932173/1638992932501> (French)- Standard for asparagus <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-as/eng/1638993887247/1638993887622> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638993887247/1638993887622> (French)- Standard for grapes <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-gr/eng/1638995433899/1638995434274> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638995433899/1638995434274> (French)- Standard for peaches <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-pe/eng/1638997741913/1638997742257> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638997741913/1638997742257> (French)- Standard for pears<https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-pe/eng/1638998874155/1638998874429> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638998874155/1638998874429> (French)- Standard for plums and prunes <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-pl/eng/1638999540089/1638999540390> (English) <https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/modifications-proposees-aux-categories-et-exigence/fra/1638999540089/1638999540390> (French)- Standard for nectarines <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/ffv/phase-2/proposed-changes-to-grades-and-requirements-for-ne/eng/1638999977874/1638999978202> (English)<https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/flf/etape-2/fra/1638999977874/1638999978202> (French) |