



OECD SCHEME FOR THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate
Codes and Schemes 2018



OECD Fruit & Vegetables Scheme

- Outline of the presentation
 - What is the OECD?
 - What is the OECD Fruit & Vegetables Scheme?
 - Advantages of the OECD Fruit & Veg Scheme
 - For more information



The OECD

- **Inter-governmental Organisation**

- Established in 1961
- 36 Member countries
- Works with > 80 partners, developing and transition economies
- Works with > 30 international organisations (IOs)

Multilateral Forum ...

- Addresses economic, social, environmental, trade and agricultural challenges
- Economic analyses ...



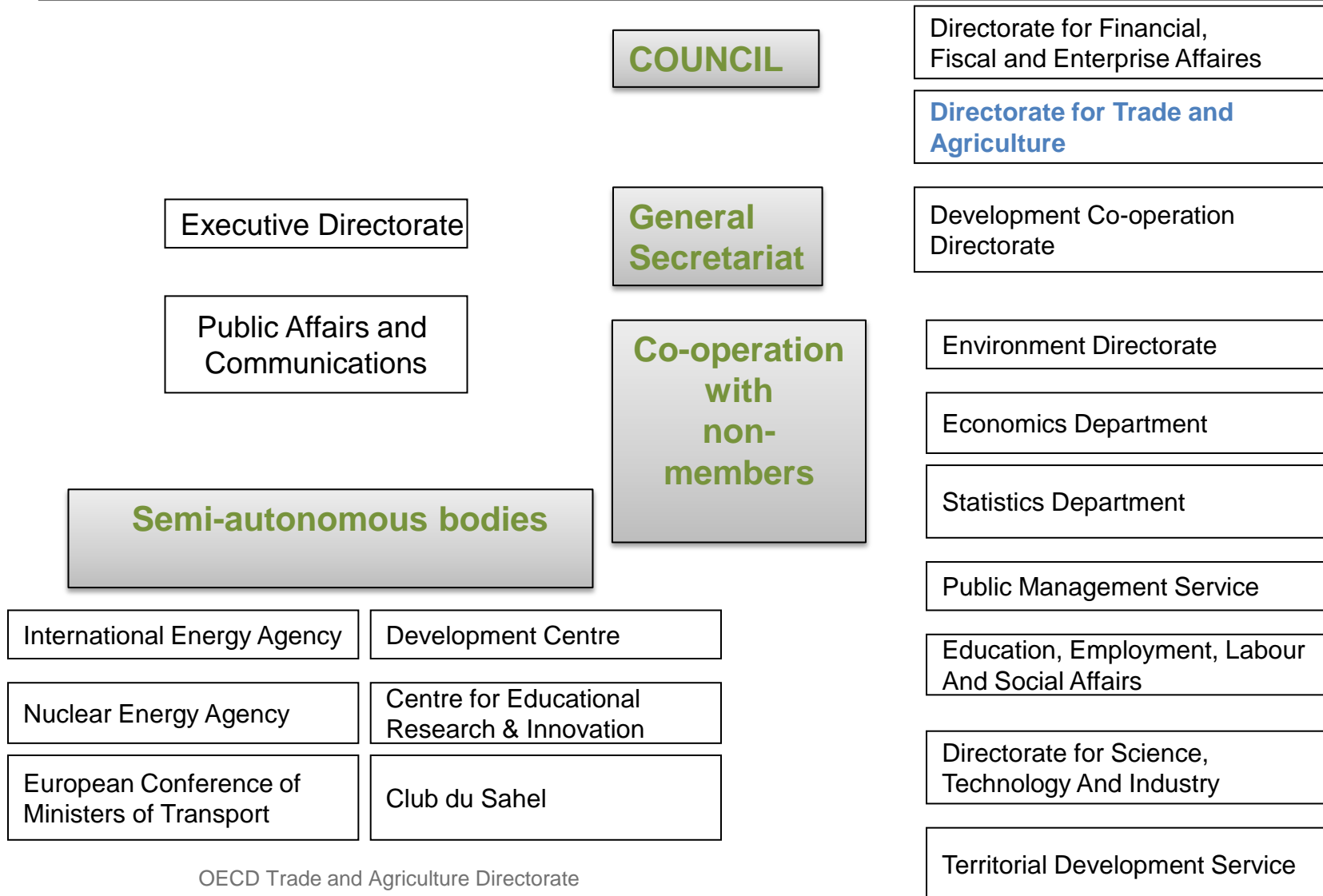
The OECD

Multilateral Forum ...

- Provides comparative data to underpin multilateral co-operation
- Policy recommendations
- Shares experiences and good practices
- **Aims...**
 - raise living standards
 - develop better policies for better lives
 - sustain stronger, cleaner, fairer world



Structure of OECD





OECD Fruit & Vegetables Schemes

OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- General overview
- Mandate
- Activities



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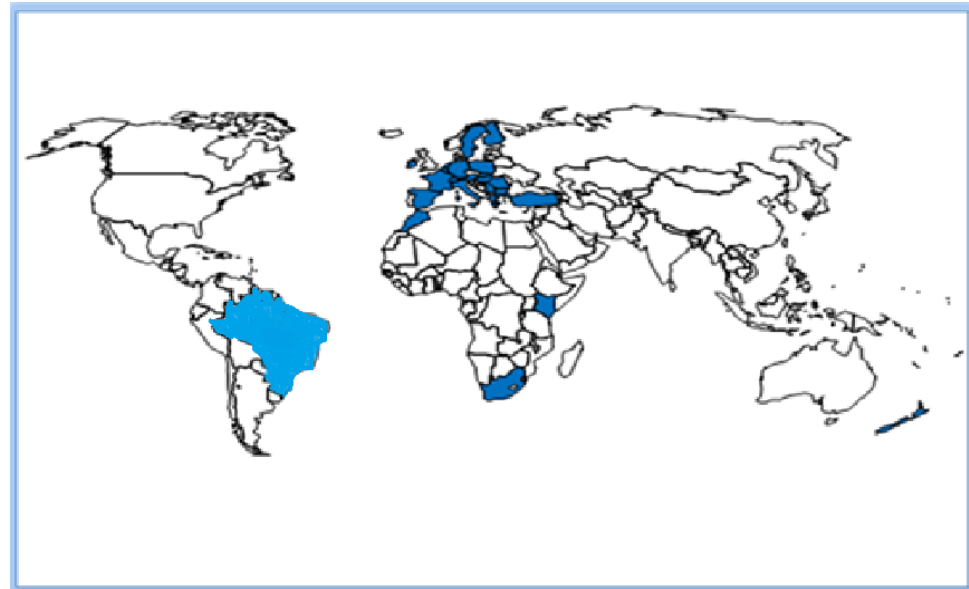
1962

26

Participating
countries

Brazil

New Member



255

KEUR
Budget/year

32

Explanatory
Brochures

100 billion

USD
fresh fruit and vegetables
traded per year



GENERAL OVERVIEW

One of the four programmes within the OECD Codes & Schemes

- Established in 1962
- Part II programme – self financing
- Voluntary – currently 26 Members
- Membership open to all UN members & WTO - consensus
- 2 applicants - Observer status



MANDATE

- Trade facilitation...
- ..Through the harmonised application & interpretation of international F&V Standards.



ACTIVITIES

Core work

- **Provides framework for the export quality inspection system**
 - International Standards
 - Inspection Methods
 - Conformity Certificates

Complementary work

- **Peer reviews**
- **Market Analysis**
- **Guidelines**
- **Explanatory Materials**
- **Capacity building**
- **Meetings of the Heads of National Inspection Services**



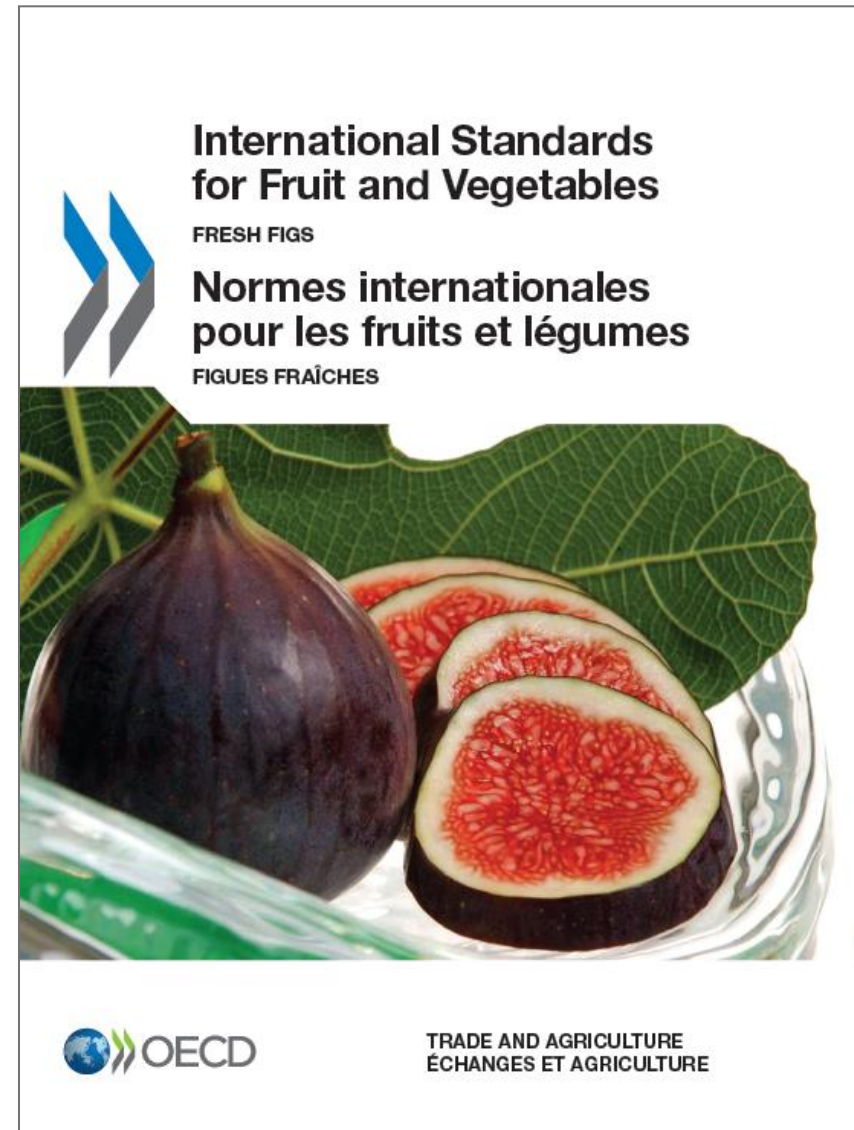
OECD explanatory brochures - General overview & values

- Reference guidelines in the OECD quality inspection system
- 50 years experience
- Approval by consensus
- Pragmatic approach (trade facilitation)
- Uniform content and high quality
 - *OECD Layout for Explanatory Brochures*
 - *OECD Guidelines on Development Explanatory Brochures*
- Currently available for 32 products
- Hard copies + E-Versions



OECD BROCHURE ON FRESH FIGS

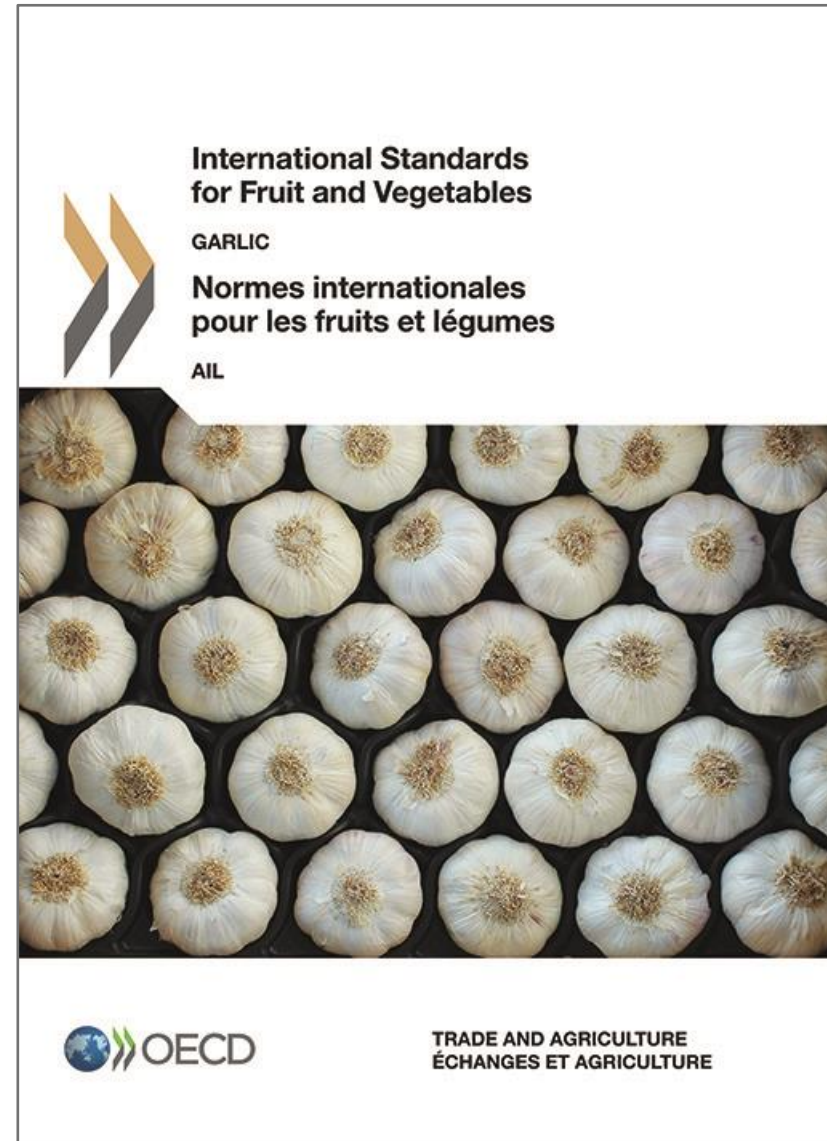
- Prepared by Turkey
- Based on a UNECE standard [FFV-17: Fresh Figs (2014)]
- Issued in June 2015
- Freely available as an electronic version





OECD BROCHURE ON GARLIC

- Prepared by Spain
- Based on a UNECE standard [FFV-18, 2016]
- Issued in 2017
- Freely available as an electronic version on our website





Structure of the Brochure

Text

- *Follows the Standard layout*
- *Standard + OECD interpretation*
- *Classification table*

Illustrations:

- *Follows the Standard layout*
- *Illustrate all quality parameters (as far as possible)*



Parts of the Text

Reference to the applied standard

On the following pages, the official text of the standard UNECE FFV-17: Fresh Figs (2014) is indicated in **blue bold**, the OECD interpretative text of the Standard is indicated in *black italic*.

Official standard text (blue bold)

- **Free from damage caused by pests affecting the flesh;**

Pest damage affecting the flesh makes the produce unfit for consumption. Any pest damage affecting the skin only is restricted within the limits allowed for skin damage in the respective classes.

OECD general explanatory notes (black italic)
general **product specific**

*The picnic beetle (*Carpophilus* spp.) feeds on figs and transmits mould and bacteria to the fig. There is damage to the flesh.*

Illustration No.	Name of illustration
16	<i>Pest damage</i>

Reference to the illustrations




Illustrations - Principles

- Quality parameters and defects are determined at export stage after preparation and packaging
- ‘2D interpretation’ – all defects are shown on the visible part of the product – other side is perfect
- 1 type of defect per photo
- Minimum requirements – ‘not allowed’ photos (‘limit for practically free – allowed in all classes)
- Classifications – Limit allowed photos





Parts of the illustrations



Title of the illustration

International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables: Pomegranate

Reference to the Standard text

Defect in shape
Défaut de forme

Classification - Defect in shape
Classification - Défauts de forme






Classification lines

Photos

Limit allowed - Extra Class
Limite admise - Cat. "Extra"

Limit allowed - Class I
Limite admise - Cat. I

Limit allowed - Class II
Limite admise - Cat. II

1

2

3

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Explanatory table

Reference number

Pomegranate Grenade	Extra Class Cat. Extra	Class I Cat. I	Class II Cat. II	Not allowed Exclu	Notes
Defect in shape Défaut de forme	1, 2	3	4	5	

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Parts of the illustrations



Internat

Title of the illustration

Normes Internationales

Reference to the Standard text

Defects in shape and development
Défauts de forme et de développement

Classification – Shape and development defects
Classification – Défauts de forme et de développement

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Explanatory table

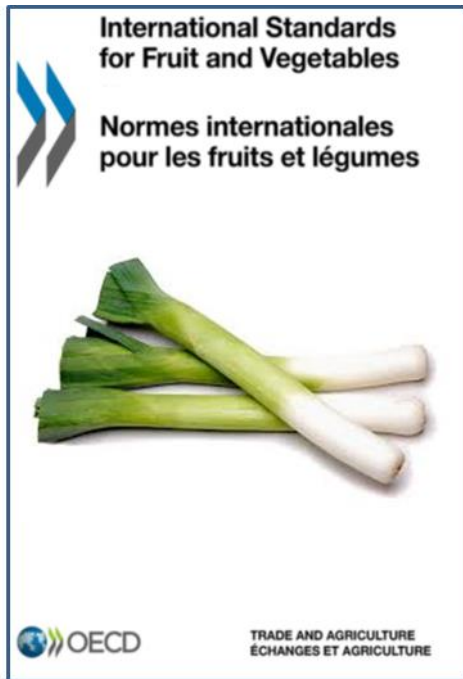
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Figs / Figues	Extra Class Cat. Extra	Class I Cat. I	Class II Cat. II	Not allowed Exclu	Notes
Defects in shape and development Défauts de forme et de développement	1	2	3	-	Shape defects may occur due to physiological reasons or an excessive number of fruits on the branch. / Des défauts de forme peuvent se produire pour des raisons physiologiques ou à cause d'un nombre excessif de fruits sur la branche.

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Forthcoming Brochures 2018





New Brochures, 2019





INTERNATIONALE NORMEN FÜR OBST UND GEMÜSE



Chicorée



Birnen



Pflaumen



Tafeltrauben



ORGANISATION FÜR
WIRTSCHAFTLICHE
ZUSAMMENARBEIT
UND ENTWICKLUNG

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ACTIVITIES

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Supporting activities

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- **Capacity building**
- **Guidelines**
- **Market Analysis**
- **Peer reviews**
- **Explanatory Materials**



International F&V Standards

Until 1998, the OECD developed fruit and vegetables standards

Today, the Scheme applies international standards adopted from

- UNECE
- Codex Alimentarius Commission

(Annex I to the Council Decision on the Scheme [C(2006)95])



OECD Inspection Methods

- The basis of the Scheme's activities
- Unique in international trade
- Applied by many countries and EU Member States and recommended by the UNECE
- Revised Inspection Methods (2013)
- Development of OECD Guidelines on Quality Inspection (2014) – **FEEDBACK FROM THE HEADS OF NATIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES**)

(Annex II to C(2006)95)



OECD Conformity Certificate

- It attests that the consignment conforms with the standard applied under the Scheme
- Verified by the official control service. Certificate of the final product – (vs. private quality assurance systems)
- It is applied by many countries (e.g. EU members)

(Appendix I to [C(2006)95])

APPENDIX I: MODEL CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE

1 Exporter		OECD SCHEME	CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE N°	
		This certificate is for the exclusive use of control services		
2 Packer as indicated on packing (if other than exporter)		3 Control service		
		4 Country of origin *	5 Country of destination	
6 Identification of means of transport		7 Space reserved for national regulations **		
8 Number (and kind **) of packages	9 Nature of produce (variety when specified by the standard)	10 Quality class	11 Total weight in kg gross/net ***	
The consignment referred to above conforms, at issue time, with the standards.				
Customs office of departure **		Place and date of issue		
Duration of validity		days		
Signatory (name in block capitals)				
Signature		Seal of Authorized Control Service		
13 Observations				
* When the produce is re-exported, indicate its origin after the nature of the produce ** Optional ***				

Format of the certificate: printed on a 297 mm x 210 mm sheet



OECD Meeting of Heads of National Inspection Services

Objectives

- To facilitate discussions between inspection services on major problems, developments and challenges in the fruit and vegetables sector and quality inspection system
- To provide an update on the latest developments in inspection techniques and tools, and to harmonise the application of the OECD Scheme
- To present developments in the fruit and vegetables sector and quality inspection system in the Host Country
- Recommendations to the Plenary Meeting



OECD FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SCHEME

17th Meeting of Heads
of National Inspection Services

*To come soon
Proceedings of the 18th HNIIS meeting
Sevilla, Spain, 2018*

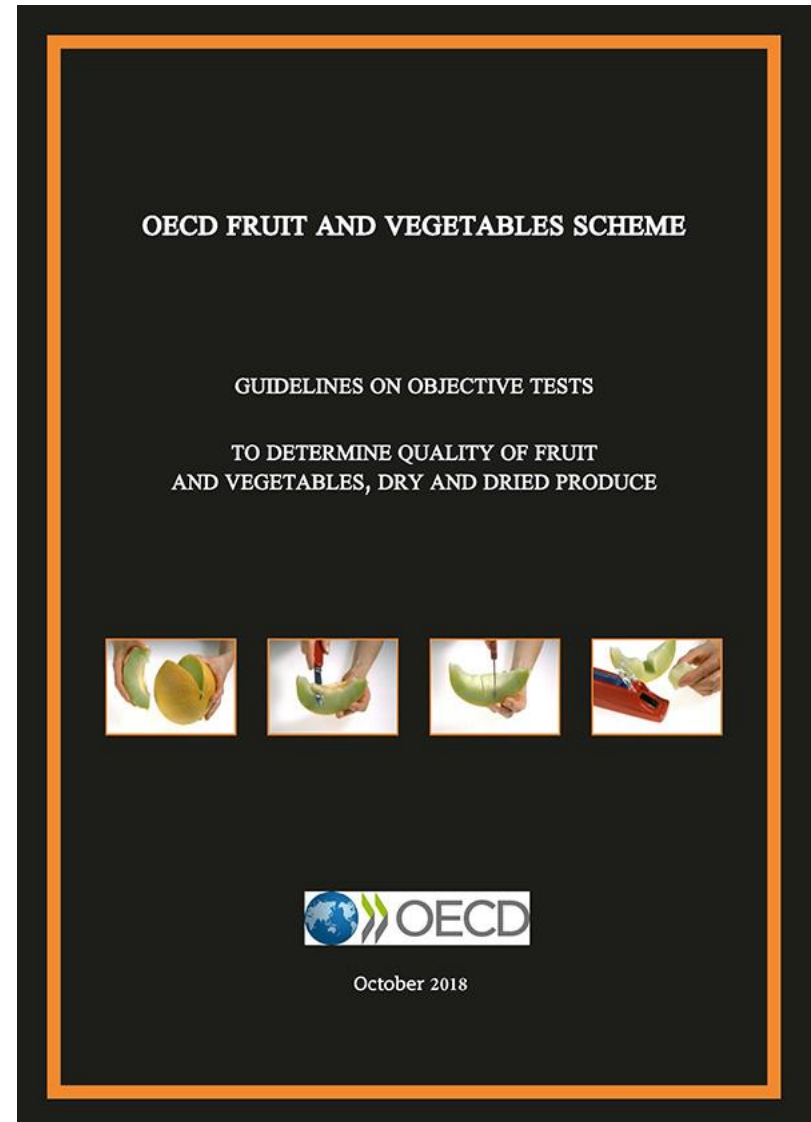


The Meeting was hosted by the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, and was held in Rome, Italy on 12-14 October 2016



OECD Guidelines

- Guidelines on Objective tests to determine quality of Fruit and Vegetables (updated 2017)
- Guidelines on Notification of Non-conformity
- Guidelines on Risk Analysis
- Guidelines on Inspector's trainings
- Guidelines on Quality Inspection (under development)





Capacity building activities (training courses, workshops...)

- East-Africa: OECD Workshops in Kenya, KEPHIS (2010-) – latest Sept. 2018
- Europe: International Training Course (annual), Slovakia (latest in September 2018) - International Meeting on Quality Control of Fruit and Vegetables, (Bonn, Germany)
- Asia: OECD/FAO Special Event on Pomegranate, CCFFV, Thailand (2014) ESCAP/OECD Joint Workshop on International Trade of Fresh F&V. Role of Standards and Quality Inspection systems, Bangkok, Thailand (2017)
- Cooperation with other international organisations (UNECE, Codex Alimentarius Commission, UNESCAP)



Kenya Plant Health
Inspectorate Service





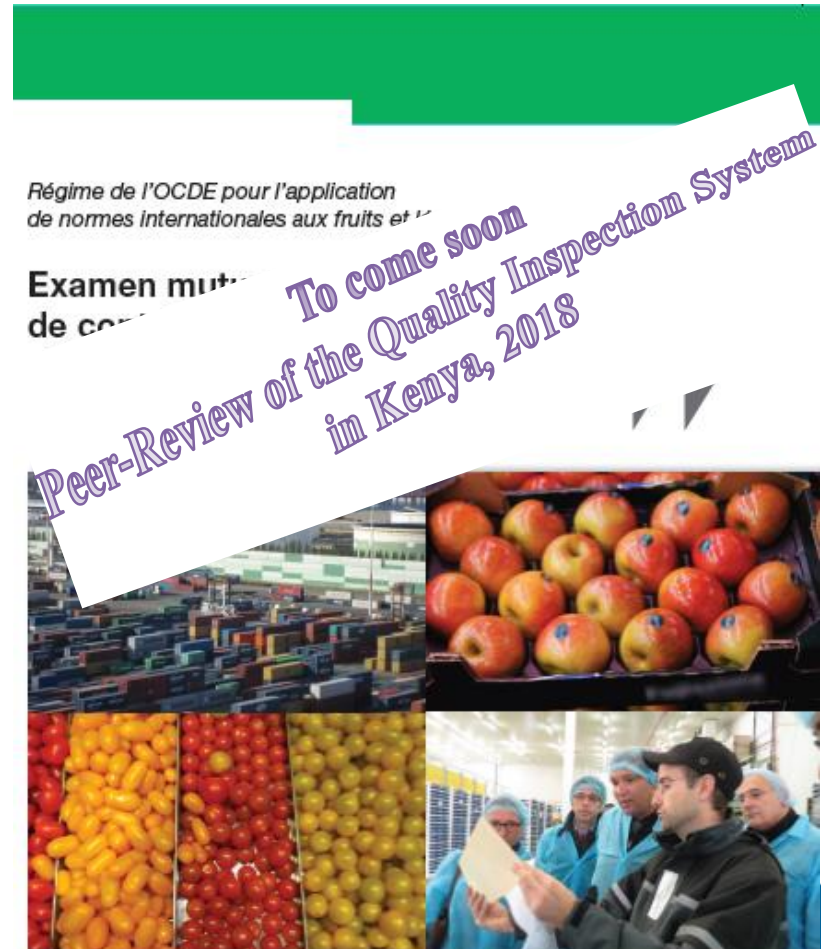
MARKET ANALYSIS

- Overview on the product (varieties, production methods etc);
- Statistics on consumptions, trade, etc.
- Trends in the market



OECD Peer Reviews

- Systematic examination and assessment of the performance of the F&V quality inspection system by experts from other countries under the auspices of the OECD Secretariat
- Conducted on a non-adversarial basis, relies on mutual trust amongst the reviewers
- To improve policy making, adopt best practices and comply with internationally established standards
- 9 OECD Peer Reviews (Hungary, Slovakia, Morocco, Turkey, the Netherlands and Spain, Finland, France and Israel)



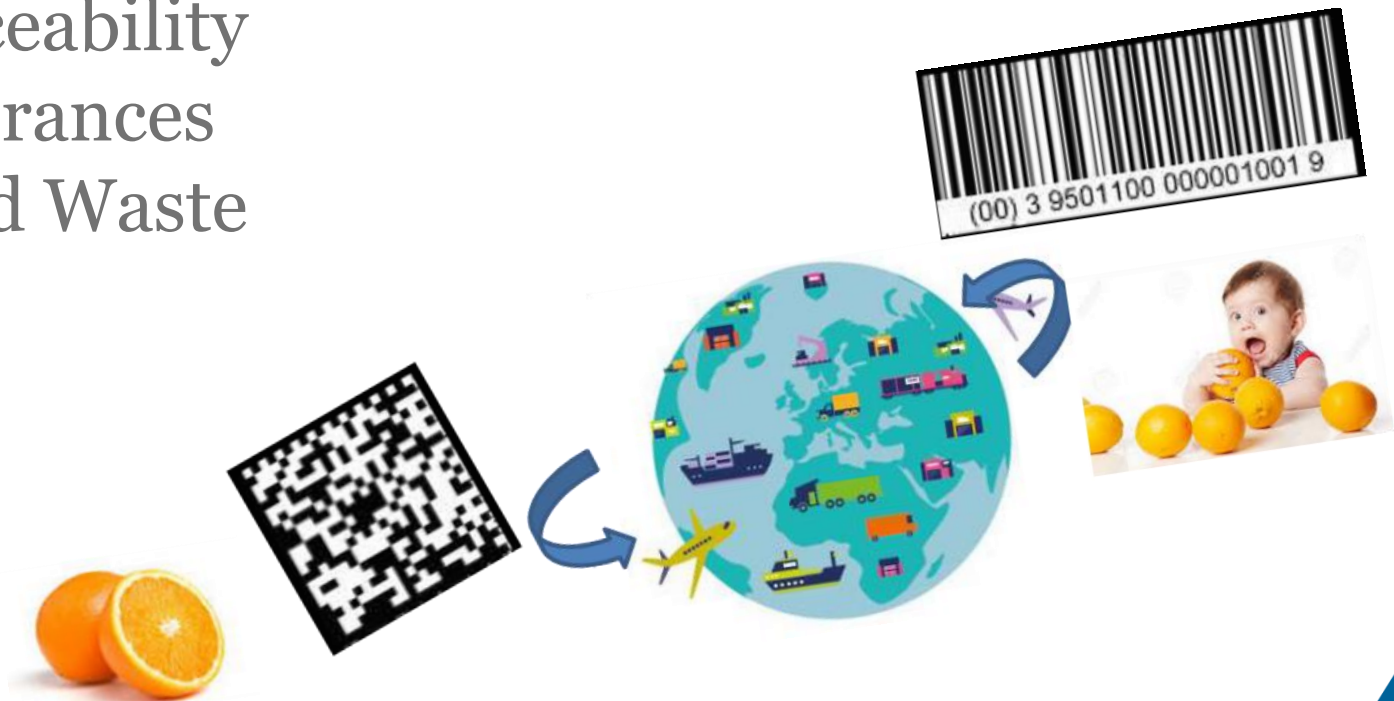


New challenges for 2018-19



Challenges:

- Internet Sales of Fruit and Vegetables
- Traceability
- Tolerances
- Food Waste





OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme



FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE PERISHABLE PRODUCTS

It is essential to maintain and harmonise the application and interpretation of international F&V STANDARDS

THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

that provides a clear and harmonised INSPECTION METHODOLOGY

COMMON INTERPRETATION and APPLICATION of INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

What we provide via
1) Explanatory brochures
2) Guidelines
3) Peer-reviews

THE OECD CONFORMITY CERTIFICATE

is applied and recognised by many countries including the EU





Webpage

www.oecd.org/agriculture/fruit-vegetables

Thank you for your attention

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[OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme](#)

The **OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme** promotes international trade through the harmonisation of implementation and interpretation of marketing standards.

[Download our brochure](#) (pdf)

Brazil joins the OECD Fruits and Vegetables Scheme

A member since 23 February 2018, Brazil is the world's third largest producer of fruit after the People's Republic of China and India, producing more than 300 species, including acerola, pineapple, guava, cashew, apple, bacuri and guariroba.

German translations for the International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables brochures on Apples, Chicory, Pears, Plums, and Table Grapes are now available.

The OECD and trade in fruit and vegetables

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Download our fruit and vegetables explanatory standards brochures



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