



South Africa's OECD Experience

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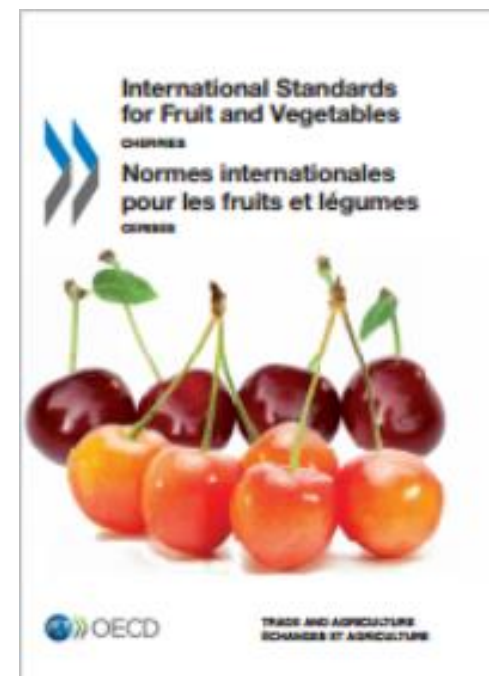


OECD & International standards

- Market driven standards
- Facilitate consistent quality
 - Domestically between authorities, growers, packers, exporters
 - Internationally between authorities, importer & exporter, buyer and trader
- International trade facilitation – common language
- Maintain link between quality, quantity, price
- Tool to gain international recognition e.g. EC 1148/543
- Improve country profile and image in terms of export quality & consistency
- Build brands

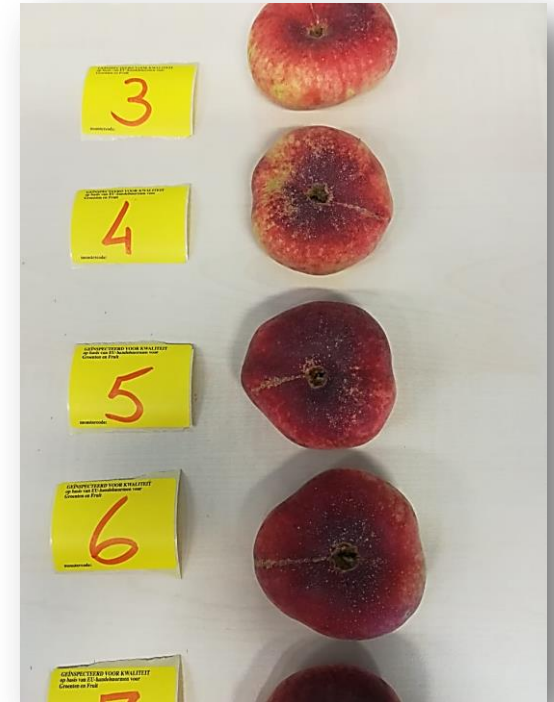
Explanatory brochures

- Clearly depicts and explains the defect and limits allowed and not allowed in each Class.
- Enhances understanding of defects and limits allowed between Inspectors, packhouses and exporters
- Excellent training tool for:
 - Trainers
 - Product Specialists (inspection authority/agency)
 - Inspectors
 - Growers
 - Packhouse staff
 - Exporters



Harmonisation courses

- Products Specialists discuss and agree on defects, limits allowed in each class
- Important for common understanding, trade facilitation and continued market access
- Prevent unnecessary rejection of products in the market





Harmonisation

OECD Membership

- Exposure to OECD/UNECE standards, explanatory brochures
- Opportunity to understand finer details and intricacies
- Correct implementation of standards – harmonization meetings to gain practical exposure to defects allowed
- Opportunity to co-create, give input to and influence standards and methodologies
- Exposure to international best practice
- Keep abreast of international developments
- Build relations, interact and learn from other OECD member countries and their experiences

OECD Membership

- Access to peer reviews of other OECD member countries
 - Mutual recognition of inspections systems
 - Understand how other countries are structured and how inspection bodies function
 - Useful to improve own inspection systems
- Heads of National Inspectorate's meeting
 - Every second year in a different country
 - Discussion of topical issues for example traceability, country of origin
 - Exposure to new technologies and innovation
 - Practical exposure to local industries in host country

In summary

- South Africa's experience in terms of OECD membership is very positive
- Exposure to international standards and inspection bodies, especially that of the EU is crucial for continued market access
- OECD standards facilitate common understanding between exporters and buyers resulting in good returns to farmers
- Participation in harmonization training courses assist in understanding market requirements
- Learning from other OECD member countries is important for improving own inspection systems



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