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## Order extending an inter-branch agreement concluded within the framework of the Inter-branch Association of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Industry (INTERFEL) and relating to the packaging of plums - 2017-2019 marketing years

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### Message

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

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#### **6. Products Concerned**

Plums produced in France

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The order extends an agreement intended to improve the quality of plums produced in France and intended for sale to the final consumer.

The agreement is intended to limit to 10 kg the net total mass of plum packages intended for sale in bulk to the consumer. The agreement does not apply to plums which are intended to be industrially processed.

Key word: plum – packaging – consumption

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Under this Order, the rules set out in the inter-branch agreement will become compulsory on French territory. The agreement aims to improve the quality of plums sold in bulk to the consumer, ensuring better preservation through appropriate packaging (limitation of the mass of packaged plums).

This agreement, signed on 24 May 2016 for a three-year period, is made in the context of the continuation of the previous three-year agreement of 30 October 2013. The last Order was published on 13 July 2014 for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 marketing years, following Notification 2014/111/F.

This notification relates to rules which, concerning the three-year agreement, will not change over the next three years. It is therefore valid for 2017, 2018 and 2019. The extension Order covers the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019 at the request of the inter-branch association.

It is a quality initiative relating to the fresh fruit and vegetable sector.

The inter-branch association considers that the inter-branch agreement contributes to improving the quality of plums marketed. Indeed, as plums are a fragile fruit, the limitation of the net mass of packaged fruit in bulk will reduce damage to the fruit caused by squashing and bursting and thus preserve the fruit better.



The agreement also aims to optimise plums marketed by placing on the market better quality products, in order to meet consumer expectations.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Reference(s) to basic text(s): - Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products;

- Inter-branch agreement 'Plums - Packaging' signed on 24 May 2016

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

**15. Impact assessment**

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**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

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