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Order on the ripeness of peaches and nectarines

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order on the ripeness of peaches and nectarines

6. Products Concerned

Peaches and nectarines

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The notified Order proposes to set minimum ripeness criteria for peaches and nectarines, which are: for the minimum sugar content, measured with a manual refractometer, set at a percentage greater than 8% Brix and, for firmness, measured with a manual penetrometer, less than 6 kg/0.5 cm². The reference methods used are the AFNOR standards stipulated in Article 2 of the draft.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2335/1999 laying down marketing standards for peaches and nectarines lays down that "They [peaches and nectarines] must be sufficiently developed and of a sufficient ripeness". France, a major player in the European peach/nectarine market, considered that it was necessary to define minimum criteria of sufficient ripeness. Furthermore, at the request of all the operators in the sector, and with the aim of healthy competition in the market, France proposes the above minimum criteria in order to eliminate poor quality products from the market.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

A. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2335/1999 of 3 November 1999 laying down marketing standards for peaches and nectarines, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 46/2003 of 10 January 2003 and by Commission Regulation (EC) No 582/2003 of 31 March 2003.

B. Decree No 55-1126 of 19 August 1955, regulating public administration for the implementation of the Act of 1 August on the prevention of fraud with regard to fruit and vegetables, and amending the Decree of 15 April 1912, as amended by Decree No 84-1147 of 7 December 1984.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

This draft will not be notified within the TBT framework, nor within the SPS framework.

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