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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 grading of apricots for the 2017–2019 marketing years

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

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#### **5. Title**

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

Apricots 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 apricots produced in France.

The agreement aims to impose a minimum size for apricots intended for consumption, both in France and on external markets. It sets the minimum size at 35 mm (measured as the maximum diameter of the equatorial section) and limits size differences within the same package to 5 mm.

The agreement does not apply to apricots intended for industrial processing or apricots intended for domestic processing by consumers for their personal use, labelled 'apricots for preserves' in a single package of over 2 kg.

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

Under this Order, the rules set out in the inter-branch agreement will become compulsory on French territory. The establishment of a minimum size for apricots ensures sufficient development of the fruit and guarantees the satisfactory ripeness of the marketed fruit. The grading method also ensures greater homogeneity of fruit offered for sale to the consumer.

This agreement, signed on 24 May 2016 for a three-year period, is a continuation of the previous three-year agreement of 30 October 2013, which was also extended by Interministerial Order for the previous marketing years. The last Order was published on 13 July 2014 for the 2014–2016 marketing years, following Notification 2014/109/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, the expiry date of the inter-branch agreement, at the request of the inter-branch association and according to the provisions laid down in Article 164 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.



It is a quality initiative concerning the sector of fresh fruit and vegetables produced in France. The inter-branch association considers that the agreement contributes to improving the quality of apricots by laying down the provisions of UNECE Standard FFV-02 Apricots.

#### 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;  
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007;  
- Inter-branch agreement.

#### 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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