

Overview of the current legislation



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*Group for Fruit and Vegetables
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Legal framework

- **Rulebook on quality of fruit, vegetables and mushrooms** (OG SFRY No.29/79, 53/87; OG SCG No.13/03, 56/03, 04/04);
 - Defined the minimum conditions of quality of fresh fruit and vegetables ;
 - Defined the extra class, I class and II class for 29 fruit species and 41 vegetables species.
- **Law on Food Safety** ("Official Gazette of Republic of Serb", No. 41/2009) – authorize laboratories to control the compliance of market standards;
- **Law on Inspection of Food Products of Plant Origin** (Official Journal RS, No. 25/96).
- **Decision** on the manner and procedure of performing quality control.
 - With those legislation is defined system of quality control for fruit and vegetables.

Law of Organization of the Agricultural Products Market

- **Law of Organization of the Agricultural Products Market**
(Official Gazette Republic of Serbia, No.67/2021);
 - This Law lays down specific provisions concerning F&V sector as:
 - Marketing standards and other requirements for placing F&V on the market;
 - Inspection Service, Control body and procedure of quality check control;
 - Register of fruit and vegetables traders;
 - Establish producers' organization in fruit and vegetable sector;
 - Operational programs for producer organization in the fruit and vegetable sector;
 - School fruit and vegetables scheme.
 - **This Law provides the basis for creating new Rulebook for marketing standards for fresh F&V which will be in accordance with EU regulations.**

Rulebook on Quality of Fruits, Vegetables and Mushrooms

- The rules are compulsory in imports and internal market. In export, quality control depend of the request of imported country.
- The Rulebook consist of three part: 1-General Rules, 2-Quality requirements for Fruit and 3-Quality requirements for vegetables.

1. General Rules

- Apply for all fresh F&V placed at the market;
- Define conditions of stored and transported F&V;
- General Rules includes rules of labelling packages. Label must has those information:
 - 1 - name and variety of the product,
 - 2 - name and address of the packer and/or dispatcher,
 - 3 - quality class,
 - 4 - size,
 - 5 - year of production and
 - 6 - expiry date for consumption

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2. Quality Requirements for Fruits

Definition for the F&V standard in Rulebok

General: applied to fresh and dry fruit

- 1 - general provision concerning minimum requirements (OECD/UNECE/EU)
- 2 - general provision concerning classification(Extra Class, Class I and II)
- 3 - general provision concerning size (Extra Class -5%, Class I and II – 10%)
- 4 - general provision concerning presentation: uniformity and packing

Specific:

- specific rules for 28 fruit species
- define requirements for each quality class

3. Quality Requirements for Vegetables

are very similar to EU standards for F&V.

General: applied to fresh and dry vegetables

- 1 - general provision concerning minimum requirements (OECD/UNECE/EU)
- 2- general provision concerning classification(Extra Class, Class I and II)
- 3 - general provision concerning size (Extra Class -5%, Class I and II – 10%)
- 4 - general provision concerning presentation: uniformity and packing

Specific:

- specific rules for 41 vegetables species
- define requirements for each quality class

Voluntary marketing standards

- At the request of major producers of fruits and vegetables, companies that have significant exports, the Institute for Standardization has adopted some standards in accordance with UNECE standards.
- Four UNECE marketing standards for fresh F&V are adopted and they are voluntary:
 - SRPS E.B2.201 2012 standard for Strawberry - identical with the UNECE FFV-35;
 - SRPS E.B2.202 2012 standard for Berries - identical with the UNECE FFV 57;
 - SRPS E.B1.300 2012 standard for Onions - identical with the UNECE FFV 25;
 - SRPS E.B2.201 2012 standard for Sour cherry - is identical with the UNECE FFV 13.



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