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Supplementary quality standard for fruit and vegetables

The Commission has submitted to the Council a proposal for a regulation laying down "minimum" quality standards for cauliflowers, tomatoes, apples and pears, peaches, citrus fruits and table grapes.

Under the new regulation adopted by the Council at the end of October, quality grading of produce marketed within the producing Member State will be compulsory as from 1 January 1967. Quality standards already apply to intra-Community trade although only classes "Extra", I and II have been liberalized so far.

The proposed new standards are such as to make virtually the entire production of a well-managed undertaking marketable, while at the same time ensuring a quality acceptable to the consumer. The new standards will be applied for 5 years.

Under the new Council regulation all produce must bear an indication of variety and quality down to the retail stage.

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