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of 12 March 1968
fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers**

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- **C1** Consolidated text of corrigenda to instruments published in Special Editions 1952-72, p. 25 (315/68)
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68⁽¹⁾ of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas there is a substantial trade in flowering bulbs, corms and tubers both within the Community and between Member States and third countries; whereas the continuation and development of that pattern of trade calls for the fixing of common quality standards;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quality standards shall be fixed for bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant, falling within sub-heading No 06.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

These quality standards are defined in the Annex.

Article 2

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1. If produce referred to in Article 1 does not conform to the quality standards, it may not:

— within the Community:

- (a) be held or transported with a view to sale, at any marketing stage, in packs intended for the consumer;
- (b) be displayed for sale, offered for sale, sold or supplied to the consumer, by a trader or directly by a producer,

— be exported to third countries.

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2. Member States may be authorised to take measures derogating from the provision of the second indent of paragraph 1 in respect of certain requirements of the quality standards in order to allow exporters to meet the trade requirements of certain third countries.

Such authorisation shall be granted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 234/68, and the conditions to which the authorisation may be subject shall be fixed in accordance with the same procedure.

3. Where, for products of the 1968 harvest, the application of this Regulation would cause difficulties and make derogations from certain requirements of the quality standards necessary, such derogations shall, at the request of a Member State, be adopted for the products in question and for such period as may be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 234/68.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 55, 2 3.1968, p. 1.

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This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

▼B*ANNEX***COMMON QUALITY STANDARDS FOR FLOWERING BULBS****I. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE**

These standards shall apply to bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant, falling within sub-heading No 06.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

II. MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

The produce must be:

- genuine;
- sound;
- whole, virtually undamaged;
- clean;
- free from abnormal surface moisture;
- well-developed;
- virtually free from defects.

The produce must satisfy the legitimate requirements of consumers as regards growth and flowering.

III. SIZING

Minimum sizes and size gradings shall be as indicated below for the following products:

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▶ M1 ————— ▼	Botanical description of the product	Method of grading (technical description; see notes)	Minimum size	Size gradings
▶ M2	Anemone coronaria ▼	▶ M2 A, B, C ▼	▶ M2 2 cm ▼	▶ M2 2-3; 3-4; 4-5; 5-6; 6-7; 7-8; 8 and over ▼
▶ M1	Begonia, not listed elsewhere	D	3 cm	3-4; 4-5; 5-6; 4-6; 6 and over
▶ M1	— tuberhybrida multiflora	D	2.5 cm	2.5-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	— tuberhybrida m. maxima	D	2.5 cm	2.5-3.5; 3.5-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	— x bertinii compacta	D	2.5 cm	2.5-3.5; 3.5-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	— boliviensis O. Lamarck	D	2.5 cm	2.5-3.5; 3.5-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	— x bertinii (Section Huszia)	D	3 cm	3-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	— x bertinii marginata	D	3 cm	3-5; 5 and over
▶ M1	Crocus (Spring flowering), not listed elsewhere	A, B	7 cm	7-8; 8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ M1	— (species) not listed elsewhere	A, B	5 cm	nil
▶ M1	— imperati	A, B	4 cm	nil
▶ M1	— minimus	A, B	4 cm	nil
▶ M1	— tomasianus	A, B	4 cm	nil
▶ M1	— fleischeri	A, B	3 cm	nil
▶ M1	— laevigatus	A, B	3 cm	nil
▶ M1	— neapolitanus 'Vanguard' (Syn. Cr. vernus) 'Vanguard'	A, B	7 cm	7-8; 8-9; 9 and over
▶ M1	— kotschyanus (Syn. Cr. zonatus)	A, B	7 cm	7-8; 8-9; 9 and over
▶ M1	— sativus	A, B	7 cm	7-8; 8-9; 9 and over
▶ M1	Dahlia variabilis, excepting the types:	E	40 g	nil
▶ M1	— dahlia collette	E	25 g	nil
▶ M1	— dahlia dwarf, honeycombed	E	25 g	nil
▶ M1	— dahlia dwarf, single	E	25 g	nil
▶ M1	— dahlia dwarf, topmix	E	25 g	nil
▶ M1	Freesia	A	4 cm	4-5; 5 and over

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▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Botanical description of the product	Method of grading (technical description; see notes)	Minimum size	Size gradings
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Gladioli, with large blooms	A, B, C	8 cm	8-10; 10-12; 12-14; 14 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— primulinus	A, B, C	7 cm	7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— Heraud	A, B, C	7 cm	7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— Papillon	A, B, C	7 cm	7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— byzantinus	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— communis	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— x nanus	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8-10; 10-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— colvilleix	A, B, C	5 cm	nil
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)	A	20 cm	nil
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Hyacinthus orientalis	A, B, C	14 cm	14-15; 15-16; 16-17; 17-18; 18-19; 19 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Rosalie'	A, B, C	13 cm	13-14; 14-15; 15-16; 16 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Romanus'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10-11; 11-12; 12-13; 13-14; 14-15; 15-16; 16 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — var. albulus	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10-11; 11-12; 12-13; 13-14; 14-15; 15-16; 16 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Iris 'Wedgwood'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— 'Prof. Blaauw'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— xiphoides (English)	A, B, C	7 cm	7-8; 8-9; 9 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— x hollandica, except the following varieties:	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8 and over

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▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀				
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀	— — Ankara, Bronze Queen, Bronze Beauty, Early Bronze, Golden Bronze, Huchtenburg, Le Mogul, Yellow Queen	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀	— xiphium (Spanish)	A, B, C	4 cm	4-5; 5 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀	— danfordiae	A, B, C	4-5 cm	4-5-5; 5 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀	— reticulata	A, B, C	5 cm	5-5-5; 5-5-6; 6 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ◀	— tingitana	A, B, C	9 cm	9-10; 10-11; 11 and over
	Lilium auratum, its cultivars and hybrids	A	16	
	Lilium candidum	A	16	
	Lilium croceum	A	14	
	Lilium davidii (Syn. L. willmettae), its cultivars and hybrids including 'Corsage' and fiesta 'Citronella' but excluding	A	12	
	Lilium davidii (Syn. L. willmettae) maxwell	A	10	
	Lilium formosanum (Syn. L. philippinense var. Formosanum)	A	8	
	Lilium hollanicum (Syn. umbellatum), its cultivars and hybrids	A	14	7-8; 8-9; 9-10; 10-12; 12-14; 14-16; 16-18; 18-20; 20-22; 22-24; 24 and over
	Lilium henryi, its cultivars and hybrids	A	16	
	Lilium asiatica hybrids (midcentury) including 'Enchantment', 'Harmony', 'Joan Evans' and 'Tabasco' but excluding	A	10	
	Lilium asiatica hybrids (midcentury) 'Destiny' and 'Prosperity'	A	12	
	Lilium pumilum (Syn. L. tenuifolium)	A	7	
	Lilium regale, its cultivars and hybrids	A	16	
	Lilium speciosum, its cultivars and hybrids	A	16	
	Lilium tigrinum, its cultivars and hybrids	A	12	

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	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Botanical description of the product	Method of grading (technical description; see notes)	Minimum size	Size gradings
▼ <u>M5</u>					
▼ <u>M1</u>	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Muscari armeniacum (Early Giant)	A, B	6 cm	nil
▼ <u>B</u>	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Narcissus, not listed elsewhere	F		
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— tazetta 'Constantinople'	A	13 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Gloriosa'	A	13 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Grand Monarque'	A	13 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'd'or aureus'	A	13 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Paperwhite'	A	12 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Papyraceus' (Syn. N. taz. totus albus)	A	10 cm	nil
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Ranunculus	F	'Crowns' fleshy with at least 5 points	nil
▼ <u>M1</u>		Scilla sibirica atrocaerulea (Spring Beauty)	A, B	7 cm	nil
▼ <u>B</u>	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Sinningia (Syn. Gloxinia)	D	4 cm	4-5; 5-6; 4-6; 6 and over
▼ <u>M3</u>		Tulipa, with the exception of: Tulips 'perroquet' of the varieties.	A, B, C	Screen 10	10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
		— Café Brun, Café Pourpre, Amiral de Constantinople, Crimson Beauty, Lutea major, Markgraaf van Baden, Perfecta	A, B, C	Screen 9	9-10; 10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
		Tulips, botanical			
▼ <u>B</u>	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa fosteriana	A, B, C	Screen 10	10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
	▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Rockery Beauty'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over

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▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼				
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa kaufmanniana	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — Alfred Cortot, Elliot, Gluck, Vivaldi	A, B, C	9 cm	9-10; 10-11; 11 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — Bellini, Edwin Fischer, Fair Lady, Fritz Kreisler, Gaiety, Golden Sun, Goudstuk, Lady Rose, Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, Solanus, Stresa, Sweelinck	A, B, C	Screen 8	8-9; 9-10; 10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa kaufmanniana x greigii Hybrides	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa eichleri	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — cv. 'Excelsa'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa greigii	A, B, C	10 cm	10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— praestans 'Fusilier'	A, B, C	10 cm	10-11; 11-12; 12 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — all other	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — cv. 'van Tubergens'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — cv. 'Zwanenburg'	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa acuminata	A, B, C	8 cm	8-9; 9-10; 10 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	Tulipa celsiana (Syn. T. persica)	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— majoletti	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— orphamidea	A, B, C	6 cm	6-7; 7-8; 8 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— florentina	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— hageri	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — 'Splendens'	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— Kolpakowskiana	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— ▶ <u>C1</u> praecox ▼	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— silvestris 'Major'	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— — var. taebriis	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— tarda (Syn. T. dasystemon)	A, B, C	5 cm	5-6; 6-7; 7 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— chrysantha	A, B, C	3 cm	3-4; 4-5; 5 and over
▶ <u>M1</u> ————— ▼	— Tulips botanical, not listed elsewhere	A, B, C	4 cm	4-5; 5-6; 6 and over

**Notes:**

- A = *Circumference*: the dimensions shown are those of the largest circumference measured perpendicularly to the axis of the stem.
- B = *Screen*: the dimensions shown are those of the screens used for sizing. The size grade shall be determined by the screen through which the bulb cannot pass and by the next larger screen.
- C = *Normal scale*: sizes included in the same size grade shall be uniformly represented in a given lot.
- D = *Diameter*: the dimensions shown are those of the largest diameter taken perpendicularly to the axis of the stem.
- E = *Weight*.
- F = *Hand grading*: bulbs visually size-graded.
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IV. SIZE TOLERANCES

For products for which minimum sizes and size grades are laid down, tolerances of up to 10% by weight or by number of bulbs shall be allowed per package for flowering bulbs the size of which exceeds or is less than the size grade indicated, except for shrinkage due to normal desiccation.

No tolerance shall be allowed in respect of sizes below the minimum sizes shown, except for shrinkage due to normal desiccation.

V. PACKAGING AND PRESENTATION

Each sale package may contain in unit packs (packets etc.) products of different varieties, species and types.

Each unit pack, however, may contain only products of the same species, of one or of several varieties, and the rules regarding sizes must be complied with. ►**M4** However, in the case of bulbs of species of narcissus other than 'tazetta', the unit pack may contain bulbs of more than one species on condition that the mixture contains not less than 10 and not more than 50 bulbs, belonging to at least three different species. The number of bulbs of each species contained in the pack must be approximately equal. ◀

VI. MARKING

A. *PACKAGED PRODUCE*

Packages shall bear the following particulars, legibly and indelibly marked:

I. **Unit packs**(a) *Identification*

Packer or }
Vendor } Name and address or code mark;

(b) *Nature of produce*

- type (genus);
- species ►**M4** or, for narcissus, where appropriate the reference 'mixture' ◀;
- variety (cultivar) or colour (if the products are marketed according to variety or colour) or, if appropriate, the indication 'Mixture';

(c) *Origin of produce* (optional)

Region of origin, or national regional, or local name;

(d) *Commercial specifications*

- number of items;
- size grading, indicated by showing the upper and lower limits for products to which such limits apply;
- preparatory treatment, if such treatment has been carried out;

(e) *Official control stamp* (optimal).II. **Sale packages containing unit packs**(a) *Identification*

Packer or }
Vendor } Name and address or code mark;

(b) *Nature of produce*

'flowering bulbs'.

B. *PRODUCE PRESENTED FOR SALE IN BULK*

If the product is presented for sale in bulk, the following particulars shall be displayed on a label or card for the information of buyers:

- type (genus);
- species;

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- variety (cultivar) or colour (if the products are marketed according to variety or colour) or, if appropriate, the description 'mixture';
- size grading, indicated by showing the upper and lower limits for products to which such limits apply.

C. *PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES*

The particulars provided for under A I and A II must be affixed to the packages. The exporter may, however, enter these particulars on the consignment note accompanying the goods, in which case a reference number shall be placed on each package.