

OECD Brochure on Broccoli

The UNECE Specialized Section on the Standardization for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

discussed at the June 2021 session whether slightly discoloured hollow stems could be allowed in all classes. To clarify the situation, it was decided to consult the OECD Scheme on how to interpret the minimum requirement:

„Hollow stems are not considered a defect provided the hollow part is sound, fresh and not discoloured.”

Please find enclosed photos provided by Spain and Germany on how they interpret a degree of discolouration that could be allowed in Broccoli.

If you have more and different photos to illustrate this minimum requirement, please share them with us.



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- Photo 2
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- Photo 3
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- Photo 10
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- Photo 11 – Germany
- Hollow stem: sound, fresh and not discoloured – allowed



- Photo 12 – Germany
- Hollow stem with discolouration and necrotic tissue – not allowed