

# UNECE standard FFV-02 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of apricots

## I. Definition of produce

This standard applies to apricots of varieties (cultivars) grown from *Prunus armeniaca* L. and inter-specific hybrids derived from apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*) and plums (*Prunus domestica* or *Prunus salicina*) showing apricot characteristics to be supplied fresh to the consumer, apricots for industrial processing being excluded.

## II. Provisions concerning quality

The purpose of the standard is to define the quality requirements for apricots after preparation and packaging.

However, if applied at stages following export, products may show in relation to the requirements of the standard:

- a slight lack of freshness and turgidity
- for products graded in classes other than the “Extra” Class, a slight deterioration due to their development and their tendency to perish.

The holder/seller of products may not display such products or offer them for sale, or deliver or market them in any manner other than in conformity with this standard. The holder/seller shall be responsible for observing such conformity.

### A. **Minimum requirements**

In all classes, subject to the special provisions for each class and the tolerances allowed, the apricots must be:

- intact
- sound; produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is excluded
- clean, practically free of any visible foreign matter
- practically free from pests
- free from damage caused by pests affecting the flesh
- free of abnormal external moisture
- free of any foreign smell and/or taste.

The development and condition of the apricots must be such as to enable them:

- to withstand transportation and handling
- to arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination.