

**QUALITY STANDARD for
CURLED-LEAVED and BROAD-LEAVED
(BATAVIAN) ENDIVES**

**(*Cichorium endivia* var. *crispum* and
latifolium)**

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Curled/ Batavian endives(Eng), *Chicorée frisée/ Scarole*(Franç.), *Krausen
Endivie/ Scarolen*(Deutsch)



PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING

1. Name of packer and/or dispatcher.
2. The indication "CURLED-LEAVED ENDIVES" or "BROAD-LEAVED ENDIVES" if produce is not visible from the outside.
3. The indication "GROWN UNDER PROTECTION", where appropriate.
4. Origin of produce (country, nation, region ...).
5. Classes: Class I; Class II.
6. Size, expressed by the minimum weight per unit or the number of units.
7. BNDOO code (national databank of fruit and vegetable operators) and code identifying the packaging centre.
8. The indication "Mixed salads", where appropriate.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The produce must be: intact, sound, clean, turgid, fresh in appearance, not running to seed, free from pests, free from abnormal external moisture and from any foreign smell and/or taste. The roots must be cut close to the base of the outer leaves and the cut must be neat.

Class I: produce in this class must be: well formed, firm, free from damage caused by frost; the centre of curled-leaved endives and broad-leaved endives must be yellow in colour.

Class II: produce in this class must satisfy the minimum requirements specified above. It must be reasonably well-formed and free from any defects which may impair edibility. Slight colouring defects and slight damage caused by pests are allowed.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING

Size is determined by the weight of one unit.
Minimum weights for classes I and II.:

- 200 g (open grown)
- 150 g (grown under protection)

The difference between the lightest and heaviest units in each package must not exceed 300 g.

PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION

Produce presented in more than one layer may be packed base-to-heart, provided the layers and heads are suitably protected and separated.

SIZE TOLERANCES IN THE SAME PACKAGE

Class I: 10% by number of units not satisfying the requirements of the class but meeting those of Class II.
Class II: 10% by number of units satisfying neither the requirements of the class nor the minimum requirements, with the exception of produce affected by rotting or any other deterioration rendering it unfit for consumption.

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I For lettuces, the difference between the lightest and heaviest units in the same package must not exceed:
40 g when the lightest unit weighs less than 150 g per unit
150 g when the lightest unit weighs between 300 and 450 g per unit
100 g when the lightest unit weighs between 150 and 300 g per unit
300g when the lightest unit weighs more than 450 g per unit.
In the case of curled-leaved and broad-leaved endives, the difference between the lightest and heaviest units in each package must not exceed 300 g.