

**QUALITY STANDARD for  
CRISPHEAD, COS and LOOSE-LEAF  
LETTUCES**

(Lactuca sativa var. capitata, longifolia and crispa)  
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*Lettuce(Eng), Laitue(Franç.), Lechuga(Esp.), Kopfsalat(Deutsch)*



**PROVISIONS CONCERNING MARKING**

1. Name of packer and/or dispatcher.
2. The indication "CRISPHEAD LETTUCES", "COS LETTUCES", "LOOSE-LEAF LETTUCES", if the contents are 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 per package.
7. BNDOO number (national databank of fruit and vegetable operators).
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, abnormal external moisture, 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; head lettuces must have a single heart; cos lettuces must have a heart, which may be small.

**Class II:** Produce in this class must satisfy the minimum requirements. It must be reasonably well formed and free from defects which may seriously impair edibility. Slight colouring defects and slight damage caused by pests are allowed. Head lettuces must have a heart, which may be small; however, in the case of head lettuces grown under protection, absence of heart is permissible. Cos lettuces may show no heart.

**PROVISIONS CONCERNING SIZING**

Size is determined by the weight of one unit. The minimum weights are as follows:

**Classes I and II**

	OPEN-GROWN	GROWN UNDER PROTECTION
Head and cos lettuces	150 g	100 g
Crisphead and iceberg type lettuces	300 g	200 g
Leaf lettuces	100 g	100 g

**PROVISIONS CONCERNING PRESENTATION**

The contents of each package must be uniform and the visible part of the content must be representative of the entire contents. Produce must be packed in not more than three layers.

Cos lettuces may be displayed horizontally.

**QUALITY TOLERANCES IN THE SAME PACKAGE**

**Class I:** 10% by number of units not satisfying the requirements of the class but meeting those in 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.

**UNIFORMITY**

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.