



# Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits & Vegetables (CCFFV)

**Last Meeting:** 22nd Session 25-29 April and 4 May 2022 **VIRTUAL**

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**Next Meeting:** 23rd Session TBA

New Zealand attended the 22nd session of the CCFFV. This was an extremely productive session with a very full agenda. Main outcomes of importance to NZ were:

- The progression of the proposed draft standard for onions and shallots to Step 5/8. This is good news for NZ's onion exporters. Progress on the standard in the plenary session was hampered by polarised viewpoints, with resolution only possible after two additional working group meetings. Also noteworthy was the inclusion of a tolerance for decay in extra class. This continues to be a contentious issue, but the precedent set by the Kiwifruit Standard in CCFFV21 that was led by NZ was fundamental in resolving the issue. Reservations were expressed by both Columbia and the EU.
- Berry fruits also progressed to Step 5/8. This was the other standard NZ was keen to progress and where most of our objectives were achieved. This included a 1% tolerance for decay in extra class, as well as provision for slight leakage and a loss of firmness in the berries. While the scope of the standard remains broad, the concessions achieved on quality tolerances should help ensure that our industry is not disadvantaged by this. Again Columbia and the EU expressed reservations around the inclusion of a tolerance for decay in Extra Class.
- Proposals for work on Castilla lulo and fresh curry leaves will be submitted to CAC45 for consideration. There was also significant discussion around the need to review existing



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standards and bring them into alignment with the revised layout for FFV standards. An eWG will be set up to consider how to progress this.