



# OECD Guidelines on Training of Inspectors on Quality Inspection

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**International level:**

**Trade facilitation through harmonised application  
and interpretation of international F&V  
Standards**



**National level:**

**Internal harmonisation of inspection methods and  
interpretation of standards**



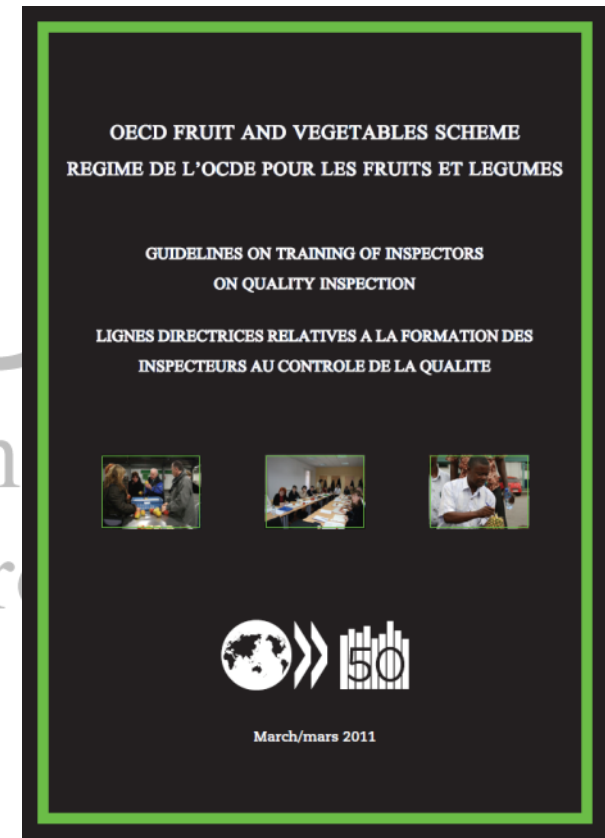
**INSPECTORS !!!!**



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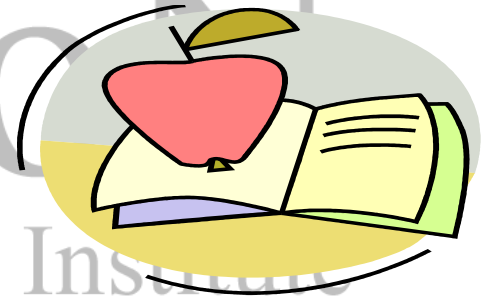
## Specifications:

- Adopted in 2010
- Internationally agreed reference document
- Set up the minimum level of education and training for inspectors
- Can be applied by the government as well as the private sector
- Available from the OECD website free of charges



# Purpose of the training

- Create professional harmonisation within the national inspection service(s)
- Keep the inspector well informed on
  - National legislation and international rules
  - National /international marketing standards
  - Inspection procedures
  - Latest developments in the market standards



# Professional background of the inspectors

In general, inspectors need to have competent qualification for implementation of quality checks.

– ***Background education:***

- *horticulture or agriculture or*
- *adequate professional skills and expertise (e.g. food technology or human nutrition)*

**+ They need to pass professional trainings**

**+ They need to be authorised for implementation of quality inspection**

# Types of trainings

## Initial training

It is intended for new recruited inspectors without any experience in quality control.

The duration of the training is depend on the intensity and should accomplished within 1 year.

Two parts:

- **Theoretical training**
- **Practical training, e.g. “hands-on” and “on-the-job” training under supervision of a senior inspector**

It is ended with an examination which should be completed before the authorisation.

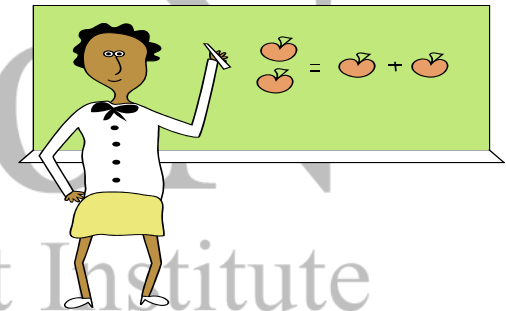
It is advised to set up a legal background for initial training for legal clarity.

# Types of trainings

## Initial training

### Recommended subjects for the theoretical training:

- Inspection and certification procedures
- National and international legislation
- Export and import conditions and requirements
- Marketing standards and interpretations
- Legal procedures
- Psychological training (acting in challenging situations)





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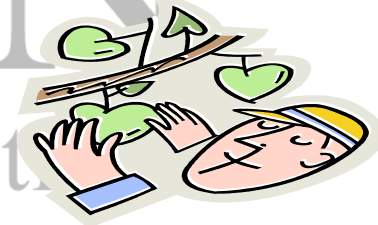
## Annual training programme

The most effective way how the inspectors can be kept informed.

It is recommended to have at least one training per year.

The annual trainings should cover:

- New standards and amended standards
- Changes in legislation
- Specific training on selected products (e.g. before season or new product)
- Information from international trainings and activities of international organisations
- Technical visit (update on production, post harvest, etc.)
- “Hands-on” Trainings



# Types of trainings

## Trainers

These trainings should be performed by very experienced inspectors with special interest and capability for training.

The trainers must be:

- Well informed on last developments and trends on the market
- Ideally have higher degree in horticulture
- Experience in marketing quality control



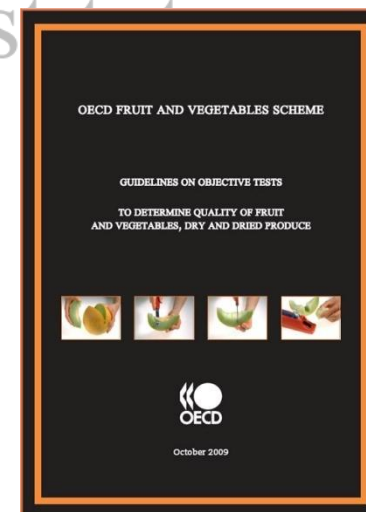
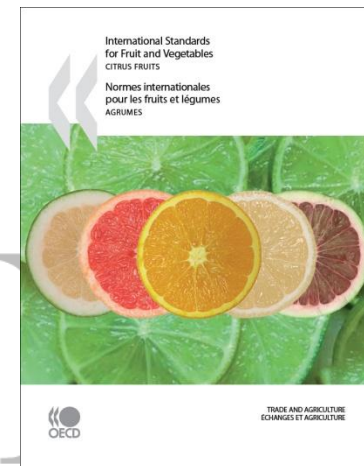
# Training tools

Text of national and international standards and legislation)

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The OECD developed many inspection tools which can be also used as training materials:

- OECD explanatory brochures
- OECD guidelines for inspection procedures (Annex II to Council Decision C(2006)95
- OECD Guidelines on Objective Tests
- OECD colour gauges
- OECD PowerPoint Presentations
- OECD Guidelines on Risk Analysis



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