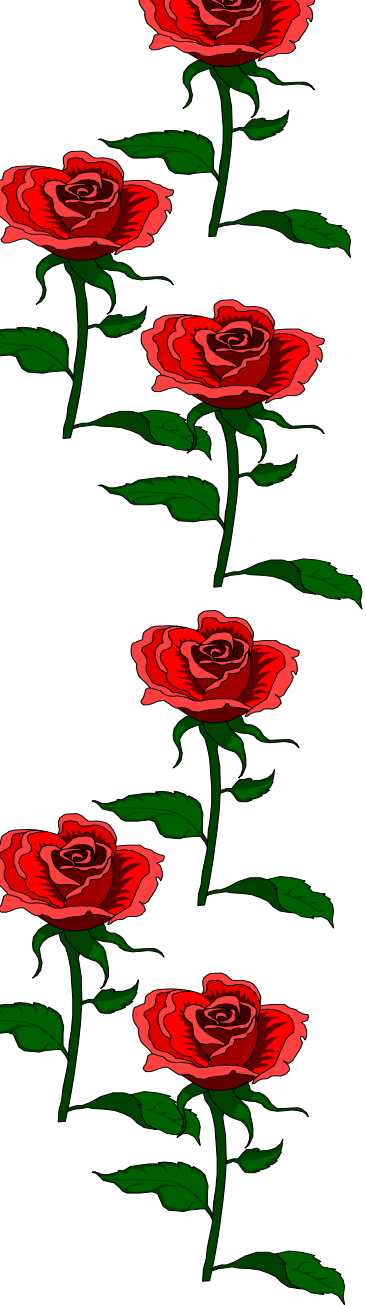


Live Plants and Floriculture Products

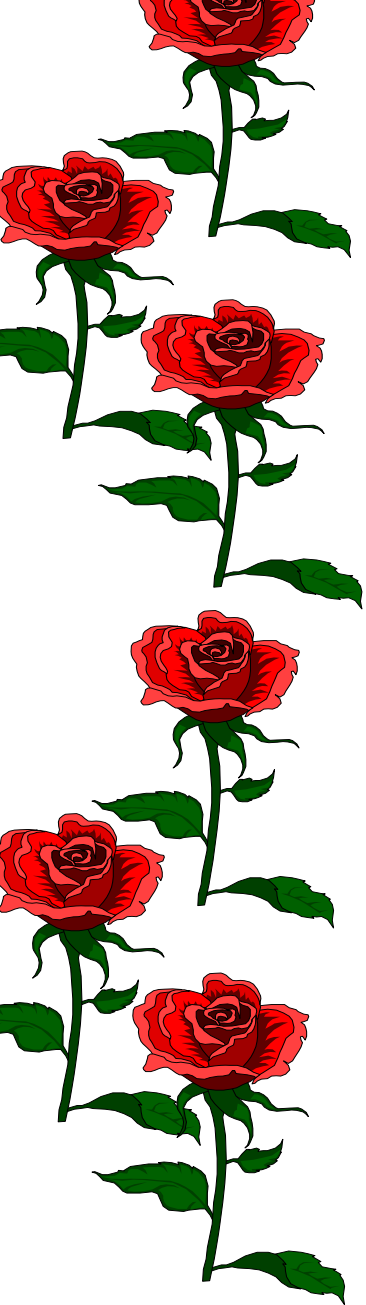
Common Market Organisation

Key Legislation



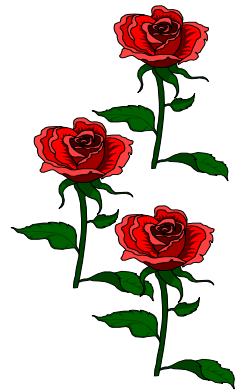
Basic Regulation

- Council Reg. (EEC) N°234/68 of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage.



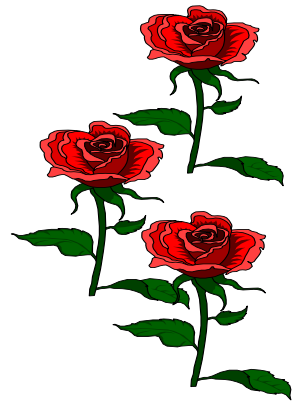
Basic Principles

- Promotion of the sector to stimulate consumption;
- Definition of quality standards;
- Arrangements for trade with third countries.



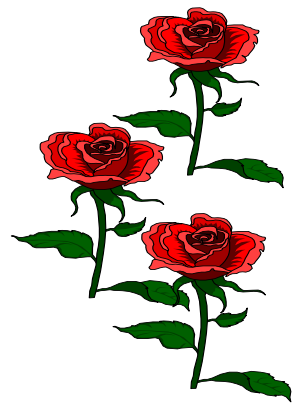
Products covered

- Bulbs, tubers,...dormant, in growth
or in flower (tariff code NC 0601)
- Live plants incl. their roots, cuttings, and slips...
(tariff code NC 0602)
- Cut flowers...fresh, dried,...
(tariff code NC 0603)
- Foliage, branches, and other parts of
plants...fresh, dried,...
(tariff code NC 0604)



Quality standards for **flowering bulbs** (1)

- Minimum quality standards :
 - healthy, clean products, without wounds;
 - well developed products with no excessive external humidity;
 - products able to grow and to bear flowers.



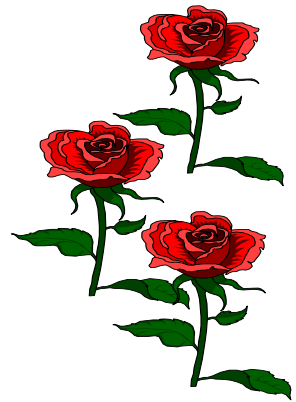
Quality standards for **flowering bulbs** (2)

- Sorting by size :

Minimum sizes and size categories for each group of flowering bulbs starting with Alliums and ending with Tulips.

- Size tolerances :

Per packing unit : 10% tolerance
for the total weight or number of pieces.

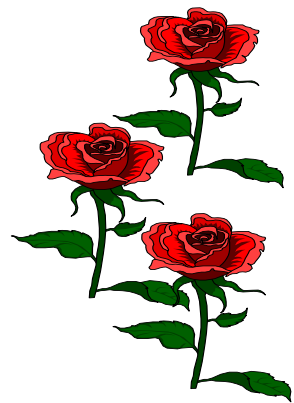


Quality standards for **flowering bulbs** (3)

- Presentation :

The different sachets of a package may contain products of different varieties, species and genus.

In each sachet : - only products of the same species,
- one or more varieties of the same size.



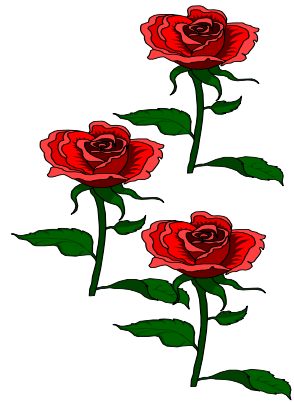
Quality standards for **flowering bulbs** (4)

- Marking :

Specific rules for

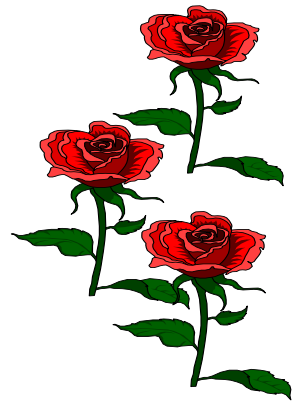
- packed products,
- unpacked products,
- products for exports.

Distinction to be made between sachets
and packages.



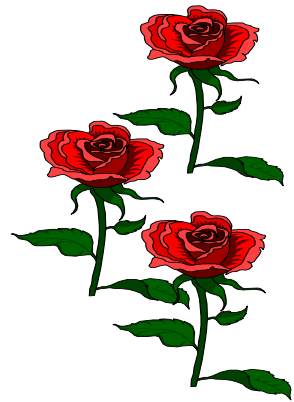
Quality standards for fresh cut flowers

- Classification in Class I, Class II and Extra
- Length codes
- Quality tolerances :
 - Class I : 5 % may have slight defects
 - Class II : 10 % may vary from the Class requirements.
- Specific rules for presentation, uniformity, packaging and marking.
- Special provisions for Mimosa.



Quality standards for **fresh ornamental foliage**

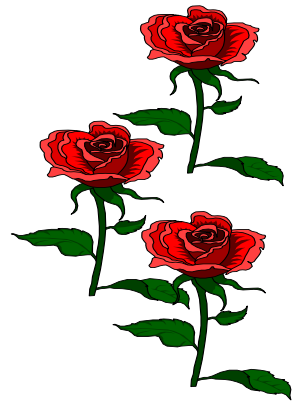
- Quality requirements
- Tolerances
- Marking
- Special provisions for *Asparagus* ferns.



Imports from third countries - **Mediterranean countries** -

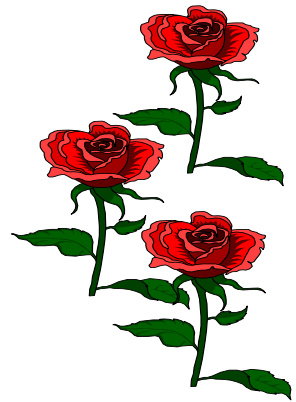
- From Israel, Jordan, Morocco, the West Bank and Gaza Strip :

imports of certain flowers benefit from preferential customs duties, within quota limits;



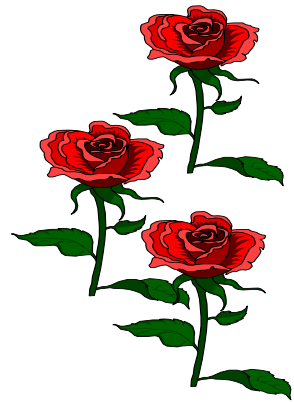
Imports from third countries - **ACP countries** -

- Exemption from customs duties
- Kenya is the most important ACP exporting country to EU



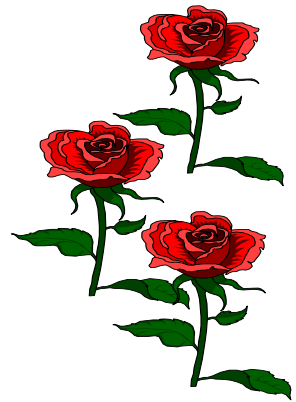
Imports from third countries - **SPG countries** -

- Exemption from customs duties
- No quota
- Columbia and Ecuador are the most important SPG exporting countries to EU



Imports from third countries - **East European countries** -

- Tariff concessions have been granted for fresh cut flowers, dried flowers and other products
- In most cases within a quota



Imports from third countries - **Safeguard clause** -

- General clause applied to different sectors :

“If Community market is threatened with serious disturbances, appropriate measures may be applied until disturbance has ceased”.

- Was only applied once for carnations with short stems imported to Greece.