

REGULATION
OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT¹⁾

of ... 2025,

amending the regulation on specific requirements for the commercial quality of
potatoes²⁾

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of the Act of 21 December 2000 on the commercial quality of agricultural and food products (Journal of Laws 2023, item 1980), it is hereby ordered:

§ 1. The Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 29 October 2003 laying down detailed requirements for the commercial quality of potatoes (Journal of Laws 2020, item 371) is amended as follows:

1) in § 1:

a) after point 1, the following point 1a shall be inserted:

“1a) potatoes with small tubers harvested at the beginning of the potato harvesting season in the country of origin, before reaching full maturity, with peeling skin, intended for sale immediately after harvesting, hereinafter referred to as “early small potatoes (young small potatoes)”;

b) in point 2, a comma shall be added and the following point 3 shall be added:

“(3)potatoes with small tubers harvested after reaching full maturity, with corky skin, hereinafter referred to as “small edible potatoes”;

2) in § 2, the words “early potatoes (young potatoes) and edible potatoes” are replaced by the words “early potatoes (young potatoes), early small potatoes (young small potatoes), edible potatoes and edible small potatoes”;

¹⁾ The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development manages the government administration department for agricultural markets pursuant to § 1(2)(4) of the Regulation of the Prime Minister of 25 July 2025 on the specific scope of activities of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Journal of Laws item 1000).

²⁾ This Regulation was notified to the European Commission on ... under number ..., pursuant to § 4 of the Cabinet Regulation of 23 December 2002 on the functioning of the national system for notification of standards and legal acts (Journal of Laws, item 2039, and Journal of Laws of 2004, item 597), which implements the provisions of Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (codification) (OJ EU L 241, 17.9.2015, p. 1).

- 3) in § 2a, after the words “early potatoes (young potatoes)”, the words “and to early small potatoes (young small potatoes)” are added;
- 4) The Annex to the Regulation has the wording laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.

§ 2. The Regulation shall enter into force 30 days after its publication.

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Annex to the Regulation of the
Minister of Agriculture and Rural
Development of (Journal of
Laws, item ...)

**DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL QUALITY OF EARLY
POTATOES (YOUNG POTATOES), SMALL EARLY POTATOES (SMALL YOUNG
POTATOES), EDIBLE POTATOES AND SMALL EDIBLE POTATOES**

Item	Quality requirements	Early potatoes (young potatoes)	Early small potatoes (young small potatoes)	Edible potatoes	Edible potatoes small
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Size of tubers: 1) Minimum diameter of round and round/oval tubers 2) diameter of longitudinal tubers	transverse diameter from 28 mm transverse diameter from 28 mm	transverse diameter from 20 mm and less than 28 mm transverse diameter from 20 mm and less than 28 mm	transverse diameter from 35 mm transverse diameter from 30 mm, longitudinal diameter: at least twice as large as the transverse diameter	transverse diameter from 20 mm and less than 35 mm transverse diameter from 20 to less than 30 mm, and longitudinal diameter at least twice as large as the transverse diameter
2	Maximum weight percentage of tubers: 1) greened ¹⁾ 2) with internal defects ²⁾ 3) affected by rot ³⁾ 4) with mineral ⁴⁾ or organic ⁵⁾ contaminants 5) with a diameter smaller than that	up to 1 % not applicable up to 1 % up to 2 % up to 3 % (but not less than 15 mm)	not allowed not applicable up to 1 % up to 2 % up to 3 % (but not less than 15 mm)	 total up to 2 % up to 1 % up to 1 % up to 2 % (but not less than 28 mm)	not allowed up to 1 % up to 1 % up to 1 % up to 2 % (but not less than 15 mm)

	specified for the tubers listed under item 1	not applicable	not applicable	up to 3 %	up to 3 %
	6) infected with common scab ⁶⁾	up to 2 %	up to 2 %	up to 3 %	up to 3 %
	7) damaged ⁷⁾	not applicable	not applicable	up to 3 %	not applicable
	8) irregularly-shaped ⁸⁾	not applicable	not applicable	up to 2 %	up to 2 %
	9) immature ⁹⁾	up to 2 %	up to 2 %	up to 2 %	up to 2 %
	10) other varieties ¹⁰⁾				
3	Maximum combined weight percentage of the tubers referred to under item 2(1) and (3)–(5)	up to 5 %	up to 5 %	not applicable	not applicable
4	Maximum combined weight percentage of the tubers referred to under item 2(1)–(7)	not applicable	not applicable	up to 6 %	up to 6 %
5	Maximum combined weight percentage of the tubers referred to under item 2	not applicable	not applicable	up to 8 %	up to 8 %
6	Tubers:				
	1) covered with sprouts longer than 3 mm	not applicable	not applicable	not allowed	not allowed
	2) excessive moisture on the surface	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
	3) scalded ¹¹⁾	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
	4) mouldy ¹²⁾	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
	5) frostbitten ¹³⁾	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
	6) contaminated with pesticides ¹⁴⁾	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed

Clarifications:

¹⁾ Tubers with green colouration:

- 1) in the case of early potatoes (young potatoes) — on an area of more than 1/8th of the tuber which can be removed by simple peeling;
- 2) in the case of edible potatoes — on a surface larger than 1/8 of the tuber, exceeding 5 mm in depth.
- 2) Tubers with rusty, black or grey spots and hollow hearts.
- 3) Tubers affected by dry rot [*Fusarium* sp., *Alternaria* sp.], gangrene [*Phoma foveata*], wet rot [*Erwinia* (*Pectobacterium*) *carotovora* (Jones) Holland., *Bacillus* sp., *Clostridium* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp.], potato late blight [*Phytophthora infestans* de Bary], etc.
- 4) Tubers contaminated with loose earth, stones.
- 5) Tubers contaminated with parts of husks, straw, weeds, broken sprouts.
- 6) Tubers covered with stains that have a total area greater than 1/4 of the surface of the tuber [*Streptomyces* *scabies* (Thaxt) Waksem. Et Henr. Syn. *Actinomyces* *scabies* (Thaxt) Güss].
- 7) Tubers damaged mechanically or by pests:
 - 1) in the case of early potatoes (young potatoes), early small potatoes (young small potatoes) and small edible potatoes, to a depth of more than 3.5 mm or tubers with shallower defects affecting more than 1/5 of the tuber;
 - 2) in the case of edible potatoes — to a depth greater than 5 mm.
- 8) Tubers:
 - 1) deformed — clearly different from the varietal type;
 - 2) proliferated – with secondary growths;
 - 3) spindle-shaped – tapering conically at the stolon.
- 9) Tubers with peeling, non-corked skin, which comes off as a result of slight rubbing with a finger.
- 10) Tubers of a given variety, the uniformity of which is determined organoleptically on the basis of shape, eye depth, skin colour and the colour of the flesh in cross-section.
- 11) Tubers lacking turgidity, with signs of wilting, with areas of visibly darker flesh in cross section spreading between the surface of the tuber and the vascular ring, sometimes reaching deep into the flesh and with cracks in the flesh.
- 12) Tubers covered with mould on part or all of their surface.
- 13) Tubers in which, after puncturing the skin with a fingernail or in cross section, ice crystals are detectable, or soft tubers from which the water leaks; in cross section of the healthy and rotten tissue a dark area or an irregular crack appears.
- 14) Tubers with residues of plant protection products in solid or liquid form, or with traces of an abnormal smell.