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- Harmonization of all produce Price Look Up codes (PLUs) in circulation to create one internationally standardized list of PLUs for produce shipped internationally and domestically between and within countries utilizing the system.
- Recognition of IFPS as the international organization representing the produce sector by:
  - ISO (ISO/TC 034/SC 17 "Management systems for food safety")
  - Codex Alimentarius
  - GS1
  - GFSI
- Creation of the *Global Fruit and Vegetable Traceability Implementation Guide*. The Guide was created by the international produce sector under the auspices of GS1 Global.

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# The International Federation for Produce Standards

### IFPS Goals

The long term objective of the federation is to improve the supply chain efficiency of the fresh produce industry through developing, implementing and managing harmonized international standards.

IFPS and its committees are working on standards for the following topics:

- Food Safety
- Product Identification
- Supply Chain Information Management

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## Product Identification

IFPS is the global organization that assigns PLU codes to produce items.

PLU codes have been used by supermarkets since the mid 1980s to make check-out and inventory control easier, faster and more accurate.

PLU codes are used to identify bulk produce (and related items such as nuts and herbs). They tell the supermarket cashier, for example, whether an apple is a conventionally grown Fuji apple which may sell for \$1.29 per pound versus an organically grown Fuji apple which may sell for \$2.29 per pound.

IFPS is working on an ongoing basis on matters relating to Product Identification. A current priority is the co-existence of PLU codes and the GS1 DATABAR.



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## Chain Information Management

In fresh produce

The use of electronic communication (EDI) and scanning technology is booming in fresh produce

to optimize the logistics of fresh but also to suit the requirements for traceability. This increasingly creates the need for E-commerce standards.

IFPS is working on standards for information exchange between producers, traders, governments and customers with existing international standard providers such as GS1 and UNCEFACT.



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## Food Safety

IFPS is committed to Food Safety and has established a Board Committee to channel that commitment and focus. Its position on Food Safety is as follows:

- **The establishment of a single set of internationally recognized criteria against which food safety programs are benchmarked.**
- **The outcome must encompass the total fresh produce supply chain.**
- **One global benchmarking system is preferable for the fresh produce sector.**

In this area IFPS is working with ISO, Global GAP, GFSI, Codex Alimentarius and GS1 on behalf of the Global Fresh Produce Industry.

## Members of IFPS

The following national produce associations are IFPS members:

- Asociacion de Exportadores de Chile
- Canadian Horticultural Council
- Canadian Produce Marketing Association
- Freshfel Europe
- Fresh Produce Consortium (UK)
- Frug I Com (Netherlands)
- Fruit South Africa
- Horticulture Australia Ltd
- Norges Frukt-og Gronnsaksgrossisters Forbund (Norway)
- Produce Marketing Association (US)
- United Fresh (New Zealand)
- United Fresh Produce Association (US)

