



**TO ALL PACKERS EXPORTING FRESH PRODUCE**  
**TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

The current situation created by the lack of global standardization of Food Additives to produce edible protective coatings, has generated considerable confusion and a lot of stress in the fresh *Fruit & Vegetables* marketing industry.

The EU Commission has decided to grant a period of grace for marketing of fruit consumed after peeling that will end on *19<sup>th</sup> November 2010*. After this deadline, **imports of fresh produce into the EU will be allowed only when EU “approved” carriers and coatings were used for processing the produce.**

The hereunder listed substances are viewed by **DG SANCO** as **not allowed carriers** in coating used as glazing agents for fresh produce:

- . *Morpholine*
- . *N-Dimethylethanolamine*
- . *N-Diethylethanolamine*
- . *Aminomethylpropanol*
- . *Methoxypropylamine*
- . *Monoethanolamine*
- . *Diethanolamine*
- . *Triethanolamine*

As a result, only compounds listed in Annex I & V of Directive 95/2/EC can be used for surface treatment of produce described under that compound.

DECCO Worldwide leading position allows us to serve our customers with a broad range of products that comply with the EU Directive 95/2/EC and its amendments. Furthermore, from each DECCO location we will continue providing all those interested with any documents/certificates requested.

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