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Category	RUCIP 2021	RUCIP 2025	Key Change / Impact	Pages (2021 / 2025)
Governing Bodies	EUROPATAT, INTERCOOP EUROPE, EUPPA	EUROPATAT, EUPPA only	INTERCOOP EUROPE removed from European Committee	p. 1–2 / p. 7–8
National Delegates	Nominated by National Committee	Must qualify as arbitrators, ratified by European Committee	More stringent requirements for delegation authority	p. 4 / p. 8–9
Terminology	New potatoes	Early potatoes	Modernised terminology	p. 13 / p. 18
Legal Scope	No national law or treaties if RUCIP used	Same, but exception for public order of seller's country	Better legal clarity and enforceability	p. 9 / p. 13
Contractual Execution	Slightly vague on intermediary roles	Clarified intermediary responsibilities and time limits	Reinforces contract chain accountability	p. 10 / p. 14
Arbitration Clause	Applies if RUCIP is referenced	Valid only if explicitly referenced and signed where required	Clarifies enforceability in court	p. 36 / p. 37
Definition of RUCIP	Rules & Practices + Expert Assessment + Arbitration	Now includes annexes; English version binding	Stronger formal legal scope	p. 9 / p. 9
Time Limits Compliance	Implicit loss of rights	Explicit: failure to respect time = loss of rights	Increases legal accountability for timing	p. 6 / p. 16
Time Definitions	Defined by category (new vs. others)	Clarified and reorganised	Better structured rules for compliance	p. 6 / p. 15–16



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Lot Identification	Based on origin, variety, etc.	Must include traceability number or reference	Traceability requirement introduced	p. 13 / p. 17
Tolerances (Seed, Early, Ware)	Embedded in main text	Moved to Annexes (Annex 5–7)	Easier referencing and standardisation	p. 14–20 / Annex 5–7
“Whole crop” clause	Informally mentioned	Formally defined in several articles	Ensures natural lot composition; anti-manipulation	p. 15–22 / p. 18–21
Sampling Rules	Must occur by end of working day after arrival	Explicitly linked to lot identity and traceability	Supports clearer claims and traceability	p. 20 / p. 18, Art. 8.6, 9.5
Frost Protection / Temperature	Scattered clauses; annex used	Consolidated in Art. 16	Improved clarity on temperature and transport	p. 26–27, Annex 2 / p. 23–24
Transport Conditions	General cleanliness and frost rules	Contamination prevention, odour-free, insulation	More detailed hygiene and safety requirements	p. 24–25 / p. 23
Packaging of Seed Potatoes	Must be new, uniform	Additional: not for storage; preserve identity	Reinforces traceability and storage-specific rules	p. 24–25 / p. 22–23
Force Majeure	Clause in Article 27	Clarified with examples, exemption no longer valid for industrial potatoes	Narrower interpretation; less abuse	p. 28 / p. 29
Non-Execution / Default	Termination, Prorogation...	Renamed: Default – Extra Time – Expiry	Language modernised	p. 28 / p. 28



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Claim Thresholds	Single arbitrator if claim \leq €10,000; three arbitrators if $>$ €10,000	Single arbitrator if claim \leq €25,000; three arbitrators if $>$ €25,000	Clear monetary threshold for determining arbitration structure.	p. 51/ p. 52
Role of legal advisers	Arbitration commission may be assisted by legal advisers	Arbitration commission must be assisted by legal advisers if $>$ €25,000	More legal safety	p. 53 / p. 55
Award notification	Within 9 months, extension approved by National or European delegate	Within 12 months, 2 extensions of 6 months each approved by the Chair	More flexibility	p. 54 / p. 55
Procedural Language for Arbitration	Proposed by appellant or FR, DE, EN, ES or IT, agreed by parties or set by Chair	English or proposed by appellant. Must be agreed by parties or set by Chair	Defines allowable languages and fallback rules.	p. 48 / p. 28, 52
Document Structure	5 annexes	11 annexes	Adds forms, guidance, clarity	p. 62–70 / p. 61–77
Communication	Defined in Annex 1	Use of written (tele)communication emphasised	Stronger legal evidence and audit trail	p. 62 / p. 62

