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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of
Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)

15-18 June 2004, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday, 15 June 2004*

Note by the secretariat: Document numbers in square brackets refer to documents expected but not received at the time of the preparation of the agenda, and may only be available at the meeting as room documents. However, as soon as they are received they will also be made available on the home page of the Agricultural Standards Unit.

1	Adoption of the agenda	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/1
2	Matters of interest arising since the last session	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/2
3	Revision of the UNECE Standard for Dates	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/3 (France)]

* Informal Working Groups have the possibility to meet on Monday 14 June 2004. The secretariat will send out further information closer to the meeting.

4	Review of UNECE Recommendations		See http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/dry_e.htm for the recommendations in force
	(a)	Inshell Almonds Proposals	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/4]
	(b)	Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels Proposals	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/5]
	(c)	Inshell Pistachios Proposals	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/6]
5	Draft new UNECE Standards		
	(a)	Blanched Almonds	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/7 (Spain)
	(b)	Inshell Macademia Nuts and Macademia Kernels,	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/8 (United States)]
	(c)	Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/9 (United States)]
	(d)	Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/10 (United States)]
	(e)	Dried Peaches	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/11 (Spain)
	(f)	Dried Peppers	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/12 (Greece, Spain)]
	(g)	Dried Tomatoes	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/13 (United States, Spain)]
6	Simplification of the provisions of the standards		
7	Elaboration of a sampling plan – review of the work done by the OECD Scheme		
8	UNECE General conditions of sale for dry (shelled and unshelled) and dried fruit)		ECE/AGRI/41 (Secretariat) (copies to be distributed at the session)
9	Cooperation with the OECD Scheme		
10	Application of UNECE Standards		
11	Capacity building for the application of quality standards		
12	Other business		
13	Future work and meetings		
	(a)	Date and place of the next session	
	(b)	Future work	
	(c)	Preparation of the next session of the Working Party	
14	Election of officers		
15	Adoption of the report		

PROPOSED TIME TABLE

Monday 14 June	10.00 – 13.00	Working Groups: possibility for produce working groups or general working groups (e.g. working procedures) to meet.
	15.00 – 18.00	Working Groups
Tuesday 15 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda, Item 2: Matters of interest Item 3 : Dates
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 4 (a): Inshell Almonds Item 4 (b): Pistachio Kernels and peeled pistachio kernels Item 4 (c): Inshell Pistachios
Wednesday 16 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 5(a): Blanched Almonds Item 5(b): Inshell Macademia Nuts and Macademia Kernels, Item 5(c): Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 5(d): Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels Item 5(e): Dried Peaches Item 5(f): Dried Peppers Item 5(g): Dried Tomatoes Item 6: Simplification of the provisions in the standards Item 7: Sampling plan
Thursday 17 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 8: General Conditions for Sale Item 9: Cooperation with the OECD Scheme Item 10: Application of UNECE Standards Item 11: Capacity building workshops Item 12: Other business Item 13: Future work Item 14: Election of officers
	Afternoon	Free
Friday 18 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 15: Adoption of the report
	Afternoon	Free

Explanatory notes

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/1

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Matters of interest arising since the last session
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/2

Delegations will be informed about the work of interest that has taken place in different groups within and outside UNECE.

Item 3: Revision of the UNECE Standard for Dates
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/3 (France)]

A proposal is expected from France with contributions from Germany and the United States.

Item 4: Review of UNECE Recommendations

See http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/dry_e.htm for the recommendations in force

- (a) *Inshell Almonds*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/4]
- (b) *Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/5]
- (c) *Inshell Pistachios*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/6]

These recommendations will finish their trial periods in 2004 and should therefore be reviewed by the Specialized Section.

Item 5: Draft new UNECE Standards

- (a) *Blanched Almonds*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/7 (Spain)
- (b) *Inshell Macademia Nuts and Macademia Kernels*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/8 (United States)]
- (c) *Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/9 (United States)]
- (d) *Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels*
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TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/11 (Spain)
- (f) *Dried Peppers*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/12 (Greece, Spain)]
- (g) *Dried Tomatoes*
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/13 (United States, Spain)]

These items were agreed at the last session and by the Working Party for the future work of the Specialized Section. Draft standards or information about progress on these standards are expected from the different rapporteurs.

Item 6: Simplification of the provisions of the standards

During the development of the interpretative brochure for hazelnuts comments were made by some delegations that the provisions especially for tolerances in UNECE standards are complicated and could be simplified. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss this issue.

Item 7: Elaboration of a sampling plan – review of the work done by the OECD Scheme

The Secretariat will inform the Specialized Section on any progress made on this issue by the OECD Scheme.

Item 8: UNECE General conditions of sale for dry (shelled and unshelled) and dried fruit
ECE/AGRI/41 (Secretariat) (copies to be distributed at the session)

Item 9: Cooperation with the OECD Scheme

The secretariat will inform the Specialized Section about the progress made on the issues discussed at the last session (see TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2003/15, paras 24-28)

Item 10: Application of UNECE Standards

The Specialized Section will be informed on the status of application of UNECE standards.

Item 11: Capacity building for the application of quality standards

- (a) Report on a seminar organized by the secretariat in Moldova.
- (b) Information about other capacity building activities

Item 12: Other business

Item 13: Future work and meetings

- (a) Date and place of the next session

The next session of the Specialized Section has been tentatively planned to take place from 13-17 June 2005.

- (b) Future work

A draft agenda for the next meeting including the tasks to be accomplished will be annexed to the report of the Specialized Section.

- (c) Preparation of the next session of the Working Party

Item 14: Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Meeting is expected to elect a Chair and a vice-chair. At the last session the Specialized Section elected Mr. B. Cauquil (France) as Chairman and Mr. P. Marzabal (Spain) as Vice-Chairman.

Item 15: Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its fifty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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