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APPLICATION OF UNECE STANDARDS

Note by the secretariat

1. To keep track of progress in the implementation of standards at the national level, the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7), at its sixty-second session in November 2006, “asked the secretariat to draw up, in consultation with the participants in WP.7 meetings, a draft list of questions to send out to countries every two years to collect information on the practical use of UNECE standards, no matter if they are mandatory or voluntary.” The delegations decided that “this list of questions should be discussed by every specialized section and then submitted to the Working Party for its approval” (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2006/20, para. 44).

2. Following that decision the secretariat has drawn up the questionnaire presented below. The specialized sections are invited to comment on this draft.

Implementation of UNECE standards at national level

UNECE standards	They are		Applied			Agency (ies) responsible for inspection
	Mandatory since	Voluntary (*)	At export from your country	At import to your country	In domestic trade	
Fresh fruit and vegetables						
Apples						
Table grapes						
...						
Dry and dried produce						
Almond kernels						
Apples, dried						
...						
Meat						
Bovine						
Ovine						
...						
Seed potatoes						
...						

(*) Please specify how widely they are used (put “W” for wide use, “L” for limited use).