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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

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Geneva, 22-26 June 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION<sup>1</sup>**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
From 22 – 26 June 2009

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters of interest since the last session
  - (a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies
  - (b) Other organizations
3. Revision of the Standard Layout

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## **II. ANNOTATIONS**

### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2009/1)

### **Item 2. Matters of interest since the last session**

#### **(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies**

The secretariat will present the decisions taken by the 2008 sessions of the Committee on Trade and of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

<u>Documentation:</u>	Report of the Committee on Trade	(ECE/TRADE/C/2009/12)
	Terms of reference	(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/23)
	Working procedures	(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/24)
	Report of the Working Party	(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/25)
	Proposals on restructuring the Working Party	(INF.1, Informal document)

**(b) Other organizations**

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities taking place in their agencies which are of relevance to the work of the Section.

**Item 3. Revision of the Standard Layout**

The Specialized Section will revise the Standard Layout, which was adopted by the Working Party at its 2008 session.

Documentation: 2008 Standard Layout

**Item 4. Review of UNECE recommendations**

The Specialized Section will review the following recommendations, which were adopted by the 2008 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2009.

**(a) Pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels**

The delegation of France will present a revised draft standard for pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels, which will take into account the comments presented in the table of tolerances at the 2008 session of the Working Party (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/15).

Documentation: The Recommendation (DDP-10: Pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels)

**(b) Hazelnut kernels**

The Specialized Section will review the text of the Recommendation (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/18).

Documentation: The Recommendation (DDP-04: Hazelnut kernels)

**(c) Blanched almond kernels**

The Specialized Section will review the text of the Recommendation (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/17).

Documentation: The Recommendation (DDP-...: Blanched almonds kernels)

## **Item 5. Revision of UNECE standards**

The delegations will consider the following standards recommended for revision by the Specialized Section and the Working Party:

### **(a) Inshell walnuts**

At its 2008 session, the Working Party recommended extending the trial period of the 2002 version of the Standard on Inshell Walnuts for one more year, since there was no agreement approving the submitted document. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss ways to find a compromise so as to submit the Standard for adoption at the next session of the Working Party.

Documentation: Draft Standard for Inshell Walnuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/2)  
The Standard (DDP-01: Inshell Walnuts)  
UNECE Standard for Inshell Walnuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/16)

### **(b) Dates, whole**

At its 2008 session, the Specialized Section received a request from delegations to introduce amendments to the Standard. The Specialized Section supported the idea of revising the complete Standard to align it with the new Standard Layout.

The delegation of Germany will present a revised version of the Standard for Whole Dates aligned with the Standard Layout.

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Whole Dates (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2009/3)  
The Standard (DDP-08: Whole Dates)

## **Item 6. New UNECE standards**

The Specialized Section will discuss the following texts:

### **(a) Inshell macadamia nuts and macadamia kernels**

At its 2008 session the Specialized Section recommended for adoption the texts of these standards as recommendations on trial until 2010. The text of the recommendation for inshell macadamia nuts is based on document (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/19) and for macadamia kernels on document (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/20). The delegations may consider amendments to the texts.

Documentation: The Recommendation (DDP-...: Inshell macadamia nuts)  
The Recommendation (DDP-...: Macadamia kernels)

**(b) Whole dried chilli peppers**

In cooperation with other producing and exporting countries, the delegation of Mexico will present a revised draft standard for whole dried chilli peppers, taking into account the comments by delegations (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2008/4) made at the 2008 session of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Draft Standard for whole dried chilli peppers (INF.2, Informal document)

**Item 7. UNECE colour gauge for inshell walnuts and walnut kernels**

The United States will present the final colour gauge approved by the Working Party at its 2008 session.

Documentation: UNECE colour gauge for inshell walnuts and walnut kernels  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2008/5)

**Item 8. Work by the OECD Scheme on the sampling plan**

At the 2008 session, the delegation of Germany expressed its willingness to lead a revision of the work on the sampling plan. The following document is being used as a reference TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2003/15/Add.2.

The Specialized Section will discuss progress made on this matter and will decide on further work on the sampling plan.

Documentation: Draft sampling and inspection procedure  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2009/4)

**Item 9. Other business**

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

**Item 10. Future work**

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

**Item 11. Election of officers**

The Specialized Section will elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. At its fifty-fifth session the group elected Mr. Dorian LaFond (United States) as Chair and Mr. Sait Sözümert (Turkey) as Vice-Chair.

**Item 12. Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

**III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

Preliminary timetable		
Monday, 22 June	14.00 – 18.00	Preparatory discussions on standards, recommendations and brochures
Tuesday, 23 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 1 – 3
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 3 (continued) and 4
Wednesday, 24 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 4 (continued) and 5
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 5 (continued) and 6
Thursday, 25 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 7 – 11
	15.00 – 18.00	Working groups
Friday, 26 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 12

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