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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of
Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)
21-24 May 2002, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-NINTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 21 May 2002

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ANNOTATIONS

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 2 Matters of interest arising since the forty-eighth session

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/2

Document -/2002/2 sums up relevant outcome of fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

Item 3 Revision of UN/ECE standards

(a) Inshell Walnuts

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/3 (Secretariat) - text of the revised standard

A number of editorial changes had been decided at the last session of the Specialized Section. The present document contains the revision of the standard which should be transmitted to the Working Party for adoption.

(b) Walnut Kernels

Background document: TRADE/WP.7/2001/9/Add.8 (Secretariat) - Text of the standard in force

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/4 (INC) - Color chart

The standard was adopted by the Working Party. The colour chart has not been printed yet because some more editorial issues had to be clarified (inclusion of a lemon coloured kernel, separation/ new text for the black kernel).

Because the chart was urgently needed in trade it was decided to form an editorial group consisting of the delegations of France and the United States, the Chairman of the Specialized Section and the secretariat, who would review the new draft to be provided by INC before deciding to have the 1,000 copies printed. Should INC not be able to print the chart, the OECD Scheme might be approached to undertake this work.

(c) Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/5 (Turkey) - Revised proposal

(d) Inshell Pistachio Nuts

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/6 (Turkey) - Revised proposal

(e) Sweet Almond Kernels

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/7 (Spain) - Revised proposal

(f) Inshell Almonds

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/8 (Spain) - Revised proposal

At the last session, proposals from the rapporteurs for the revision of these standards were discussed and a number of comments were made. Delegation were invited to send comments in writing to the rapporteurs who are expected to prepare new proposals for this session.

(g) Dried Prunes

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/9 (France) - Proposal

A proposal for the revision of the standard is expected from France.

Item 4 Revision of the Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce**(a) Annex I: Determination of the moisture content for dried fruit**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/10 Revised annex (Spain)

At the last session Germany together with Spain offered to serve as rapporteur for this Annex.

(b) Annex II : Determination of the moisture content for dry fruit

Background document: *TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2001/13/Add.2*

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/10/Add.1 - Revised annex (Spain)

The text revised at the last session was Addendum 2 to the report. Delegations were invited to review the text carefully and to send any observations to the rapporteur (Spain).

(c) Annex III : Terms recommended and definition of defects

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/11 Revised annex (Spain)

The rapporteur (Spain) has prepared a new document for this annex.

Item 5 Dictionary of Defects

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/12 Draft dictionary (Italy)

At the last session the rapporteur (Italy) said that the dictionary would be completed with the terms in Turkish and Russian. If possible, the Italian delegation would contact the delegation of the Ukraine for the Russian translation otherwise the document will be translated by the conference services of the United Nations.

It was agreed that the next version of the document would be put on the web site of the UNECE Agricultural Standards Unit. Delegations were invited to provide relevant information to the rapporteur (Italy).

Item 6 Elaboration of a sampling plan

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2002/13 Proposal (United States)

The rapporteur (United States) had prepared a first draft at the last session for information. A new version is expected for review and discussion at this session.

Item 7 Technical cooperation

Delegations are invited to discuss possibilities to assist countries in the application of UNECE standards.

Item 8 Matters of interest arising from the work of

- (a) **European Union**
- (b) **OECD Scheme**

Representatives of these organizations have been invited to report on items of relevance to the work of the Specialized Section.

Item 9 Other Business

Any other questions can be discussed under these items. Proposals should be transmitted to the secretariat either before or at the beginning of the session.

Item 10 Preparation of the next session

- (a) **Future work/ Action list**

Delegations are invited to make proposals for future work of the Specialized Section.

- (b) **Date and place of the next session**

The next session of the Specialized Section has been planned to take place from 16 to 19 June 2003.

- (c) **Preparation of the 58th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development**

Delegations are invited to mention any item that should be brought to the attention of the Working Party.

Item 11 Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its forty-eighth session the Group elected Mr. W. Staub (Germany) as its Chairman and Mr. M. Sciannella (Italy) as its Vice-Chairman.

Item 12 Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt the report of its forty-ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:

Contributions should be sent to the secretariat either on diskette by mail to :

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