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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of
Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)
14-17 June 2005, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday, 14 June 2005*

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.

*Informal working groups have the possibility to meet on 13 June.

1	Adoption of the agenda	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/1
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3	Review of UNECE Standards	
	(a) Inshell Hazelnuts	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/3]
	(b) Inshell Walnuts	
4	Review of UNECE Recommendations	
	(a) Inshell Almonds – proposals	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/4 (Spain)
	(b) Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels - proposals	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/5]

5	Draft new UNECE Standards		
	(a)	Blanched Almonds	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/6 (Spain)
	(b)	Inshell Macadamia Nuts and Macadamia Kernels	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/7 (United States) TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/8 (United States)
	(c)	Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/9 (United States) TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/10 (United States) [TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/11 (United States)] [TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/12 (United States)]
	(d)	Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/13 (United States) TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/14 (United States)
	(e)	Dried Peaches	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/15 (Spain)
	(f)	Dried Peppers	[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/16 (Greece, Spain, Hungary)]
	(g)	Dried Tomatoes	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/17 (United States)
6	Revision of the standard layout/general changes		[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/18 (Spain, Germany)]
	(a)	Annex on recommended terms and definitions of defects	Rapporteur Spain
	(b)	Main text of the layout	Rapporteurs Germany and Spain
	(c)	Rehydrated products	Rapporteur Germany
	(d)	Deletion of the word "(fruit)" from the name of the Specialized Section	
7	Pulses		
8	Elaboration of a sampling plan – review of the work done by the OECD Scheme		
9	UNECE General conditions of sale for dry (shelled and unshelled) and dried fruit)		
10	Efforts to increase participation		
11	Application of UNECE Standards		
12	Capacity building for the application of quality standards		
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	(a)	Date and place of the next session	
	(b)	Future work	
	(c)	Preparation of the next session of the Working Party	
15	Election of officers		
16	Adoption of the report		

PROPOSED TIME TABLE

Monday 13 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 14 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 1: Adoption of the agenda, Item 2: Matters of interest Item 3 (a): Inshell Hazelnuts Item 3 (b): Inshell Walnuts Item 4 (a): Inshell Almonds
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 4 (a): Inshell Almonds (cont'd) Item 4 (b): Pistachio Kernels and peeled pistachio kernels
Wednesday 15 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 5(a): Blanched Almonds Item 5(b): Inshell Macadamia Nuts and Macadamia Kernels, Item 5(c): Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels Item 5(d): Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 5(e): Dried Peaches Item 5(f): Dried Peppers Item 5(g): Dried Tomatoes Item 6(a): Annex on recommended terms and definitions
Thursday 16 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 6(b): Main text of the lay out Item 6(c): Rehydrated products Item 6(d): Change of the name Item 7: Pulses Item 8: Sampling plan Item 9: General Conditions for Sale Item 10: Efforts to increase participation Item 11: Application of UNECE Standards Item 12: Capacity building Item 13: Other business Item 14: Future work Item 15: Election of officers
	Afternoon	Free
Friday 17 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 16: Adoption of the report
	Afternoon	Free

Explanatory notes

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/1

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.2/2005/2

Delegations will be informed about the work of interest that has taken place in different groups within and outside UNECE (Working Party, Codex Alimentarius Commission, OECD Scheme).

Item 3: Review of UNECE Standards

(a) *Inshell Hazelnuts*

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/3

(b) *Inshell Walnuts*

Proposals are expected to amend these standards to align them with the amendments made to the Inshell Almonds Recommendation..

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.2/2005/4 (Spain)

(b) *Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels*

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/5

These recommendations will finish their trial periods in 2005 and should therefore be reviewed by the Specialized Section.

Item 5: Draft new UNECE Standards

(a) *Blanched Almonds*

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/6 (Spain)

(b) *Inshell Macadamia Nuts and Macadamia Kernels*

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/7 (United States)

TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/8 (United States)

(c) *Inshell Peanuts and Peanut Kernels*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/9 (United States)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/10 (United States)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/11 (United States)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/12 (United States)

(d) *Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/13 (United States)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/14 (United States)

(e) *Dried Peaches*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/15 (Spain)

(f) *Dried Peppers*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/16 (Greece, Spain)

(g) *Dried Tomatoes*
TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/17 (United States, Spain)

Draft proposals were presented by the rapporteurs, which were discussed and revised at the session or in working groups (with the exception of peanuts). Delegations were invited to send comments to the rapporteurs who will prepare new texts for the next session based on the discussions at the session and the contributions received.

A proposal for dried peppers will be made by the rapporteur (Spain) as soon as the relevant information can be collected.

Item 6: Revision of the standard layout/general changes
[TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/18 (Spain, Germany)]

- (a) *Annex on recommended terms and definitions of defects*
- (b) *Quality classification*
- (c) *Mixtures of varieties, commercial types*

At the last session the delegation of Germany proposed to reformat UNECE Standards for dry and dried produce and to try out the new format on the recommendation for inshell almonds.

The proposals, if accepted, will lead to major revisions of the standard layout, which can be discussed at this session on the basis of experiences with the recommendation for inshell almonds.

(d) *Rehydrated products*

During the discussion of the draft standard for dried peaches the specialized section had seen a need for different moisture levels depending on whether the produce is dried untreated, dried treated or treated rehydrated.

(e) *Deletion of the word "(fruit)" from the name of the Specialized Section*

This change was suggested at the last session to enlarge the possible scope of the specialized section.

Item 7: Pulses

At the last session interest had been expressed in creating standards for pulses, as the trade volume of these products was high. The secretariat will report on any information received about the status of the relevant Codex standard CODEX STAN 171-1989 (Rev. 1 - 1995).

Item 8: 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 9: UNECE General conditions of sale for dry (shelled and unshelled) and dried fruit

Due to time constraints it was not possible to scan this publication to make it available on the Internet.

Item 10: Efforts to increase participation

The secretariat will report on any activities concerning this topic.

Item 11: Application of UNECE Standards

The Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables has discussed a new format for reporting acceptances. The secretariat will distribute the relevant document adapted to the dry and dried produce standards before the session.

Item 12: Capacity building for the application of quality standards

Delegations are invited to report on any activities held in the area of capacity building.

Item 13: Other business

Any other subject can be discussed under this item.

Item 14: 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 12 to 16 June 2006.

(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-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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