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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

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

Fifty-second session, 14-17 June 2005  
Item 2 of the provisional Agenda

**MATTERS OF INTEREST SINCE THE LAST SESSION**

**Note by the secretariat:** The following document contains the section of the report of the Working Party dealing with the work of the Specialized Section on Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit).

**Excerpt from TRADE/WP.7/2004/10, paras. 38-46:**

ITEM 4: Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)

38. The Chairman of the Specialized Section, Mr. Bruno Cauquil (France) informed the Working Party on the outcome of the fiftieth session of the Specialized Section. Further to the work mentioned under 4 (a), (b), (c) and (d), new work had begun on a number of products: Blanched Almonds, Dried Peaches, Inshell Macadamia Nuts, Macadamia Kernels, Inshell Pecans and Pecan Kernels, Dried Tomatoes and Peanuts.

39. The rapporteurs presented draft proposals, which were discussed and revised at the session or in working groups. 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. It was also agreed that rapporteurs should, if possible, bring samples of products to facilitate the discussions.

40. For peanuts, the rapporteur (United States) had presented three different standards for peanut kernels and one for inshell peanuts in accordance with discussions with their industry. Owing to lack of time these texts were not discussed at the session but participants were invited to send comments to the rapporteur.

41. Work on a new standard for Dried Peppers will begin as soon as the relevant information can be collected by the rapporteur (Spain).

42. Further discussions were held on:

- Usefulness of the UNECE Conditions for Sale, which apparently were not being applied in trade
- Work on pulses (*légumes secs* in French)
- Future work on dried exotic fruit
- How to increase participation in the group.

**4(a) Text recommended for adoption as revised UNECE standard**

43. The UNECE Recommendation for Inshell Pistachio Nuts (as available on the UNECE website) was adopted as a revised UNECE Standard.

**4(b) Texts recommended for adoption as UNECE recommendations (extension of trial for one year):**

44. The trial periods for the UNECE recommendation for Inshell Almonds (as amended in TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/14/Add.1) and for Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels (as on the website) were extended for one further year.

**4 (c) Correction to the UNECE Standard for Dried Figs**

45. The Working Party took note of the correction made to the UNECE Standard for Dried Figs (TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2004/14/Add.2).

**4(d) Information concerning the joint publication of the colour chart for walnut kernels by OECD and UNECE**

46. The secretariat informed delegations that the colour chart for walnut kernels would be printed shortly but draft printouts would be sent beforehand to the delegations of the United States and France for verification.

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