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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of
Early and Ware Potatoes

1-2 February 1999, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 1 February 1999

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| 9. | Adoption of the report | |

Proposed timetable

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		16.00 - 18.00	Item 9

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 Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Meeting of Experts is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its twelfth session the Group elected Mr. Debaveye (Belgium) as its Chairman and Mr. Caban (Poland) as its Vice-Chairman.

Item 3 Matters of interest arising since the thirteenth session

Document TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/1998/2 sums up the relevant outcome of the second session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

Item 4 UN/ECE standards on Early and Ware Potatoes (FFV 30, 31)

Delegations are invited to report on the experiences gathered in the practical application of the revised standards and if necessary make proposals for amendments. Comments will be collected and distributed in TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/1998/3.

Item 5 Comparison of inspection methods, sizing methods, sampling methods and control of "washed" potatoes

It was agreed at the last session that each delegation should prepare a short report on these methods based on the presentation of the delegation of Belgium and focusing in particular on the detection of internal defects, sizing methods and sampling methods. The delegation of Switzerland offered to present its control methods for washed and unwashed potatoes at the next session. Contributions will be collected and distributed in TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/1998/4.

Item 6 Definition of varieties of long and irregular shape and preparation of a list of varieties

When discussing the minimum size for long potatoes at the thirteenth session it was felt that the current wording of the Standard excluded certain long and irregular varieties and a provision excluding long varieties of irregular shape from sizing requirements was included in the standards. It was agreed that each delegation should prepare a list of varieties of long and irregular shape and to elaborate a definition for long varieties of irregular shape. Contributions will be collected and distributed in TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/1998/5.

Item 7 Revision of the UN/ECE General Conditions of Sale for Potatoes

Delegations are invited to make proposals concerning this agenda item.

Item 8 Other Business

- (a) Future work
- (b) Date and place of the next session
- (c) Preparation of the 55th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Item 9 Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt the report on its fourteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. The text of the discussions held on Tuesday morning will be available only in English.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:

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

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