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Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Sixteenth session

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION ¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on 30 April 2007

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The delegations will be invited to adopt the agenda(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/1).

Item 2. Matters of interest since the last session

2. The Specialized Section will be informed on the work of the:
 - (a) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards;
 - (b) Committee on Trade;
 - (c) Other international organizations.

Item 3. Status of publications on existing standards

3. The secretariat will report on the status of the publications on the standards for chicken, llama/alpaca, ovine, porcine and turkey meat (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/2).

Item 4. Review of the UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat – Carcasses and Cuts

4. This standard is up for revision in accordance with the three-year revision cycle. Delegations are invited to send their proposals for revision to the secretariat. The proposed changes will be incorporated into INF.1 and will be discussed at the meeting. Agreed amendments will be submitted to the Working Party for approval.

5. The 2004 version of the standard is based on ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2006/11 and is available on: http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.htm

Item 5. Proposal for a new UNECE Standard for Caprine Meat – Carcasses and Cuts

6. The Specialized Section will consider this item on the basis of the document prepared by United States (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/3), propose changes/amendments and decide whether the text should be submitted to the Working Party for approval.

Item 6. Proposal for a new UNECE Standard for Fancy Meats

7. The Specialized Section will consider this item on the basis of the document (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/4) prepared by France and discussed at the Rapporteurs Meeting in Paris in October 2006. Delegations will propose changes/amendments and decide whether the text should be submitted to the Working Party for approval.

Item 7. Coding system for UNECE Standards for Meat

8. The delegation of the United States will present a paper (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/5) on the progress made by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the use of the UNECE standards in global electronic commerce. The Specialized Section may wish to discuss implications of these new developments for the work on standards.

Item 8. Preparation of meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section

9. The Specialized Section will agree on the items for the provisional agenda, the dates and the venue of its seventeenth session and of the meetings of Rapporteurs.

Item 9. Preparation of 2007 session of Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

10. The Specialized Section will be invited to decide which decisions/information should be transmitted to the 2007 session of the Working Party, bearing in mind the recommendation expressed by the Working Party at its 2006 meeting (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2006/20, paras. 44-45).

11. The delegations will discuss a draft questionnaire (INF.2) on the practical use of UNECE standards.

Item 10. Future work

12. The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work. Participants will continue the ongoing discussions on developing new standard for veal.

Item 11. Other business

13. Other questions of interest will be discussed under this agenda item.

Item 12. Election of officers

14. The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its fifteenth session, the group elected Mr. Barry Carpenter (United States) as its Chairperson and Mr. Ian King (Australia) as its Vice-Chairperson.

Item 13. Adoption of the report

15. The Specialized Section will be invited to adopt the report of the session.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday, 30 April 2007	10.00-13.00	Items 1–4
	15.00-18.00	Item 4
Tuesday, 1 May 2007	10.00-13.00	Item 5
	15.00-18.00	Item 6
Wednesday, 2 May 2007	10.00-13.00	Items 7–12
	15.00-18.00	Drafting groups (Goat and Fancy Meats)
Thursday, 3 May 2007	10.00-13.00	Item 13

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