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Meeting of the Rapporteurs on Offals of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat, Paris, France, 30-31 October 2006.

Note by the secretariat

This document summarizes the results of the discussions at the Rapporteurs Meeting on Offals held in Paris, France, from 30 to 31 October 2006.

**Report of the Meeting of the Rapporteurs on Offals
Paris, France, 30-31 October 2006**

At the invitation of the French authorities, the Rapporteurs held a meeting on 30 to 31 October 2006 at the premises of the INTERBEV building in Paris, France. A list of participants is included in Annex I.

The items in the Agenda for the meeting were:

1. Working group meetings;
2. Visit to Le Marché d'Interêt National de Rungis (offals and meat areas of the largest wholesale market for fresh products in the world);
3. Technical work on offals (visit to cutting plant on 31 October).

The delegation of France presented a draft proposal for a new UNECE Standard for Offals, to be considered for discussion by the working group. The draft was prepared using the so-called Standard Layout for Meat Standards.

The Rapporteurs went through the draft and made the following points.

1. To change the proposed name of the standard from "UNECE Standard for Offals" to "UNECE Standard for Fancy Meats".
2. The Section should decide on the structure of the new Standard. Which are the species to be considered in the new Standard? Should this be a unique Standard for every species or a common Standard with different chapters covering different species?
3. Preparations for the 2007 session of the Specialized Section:
 - Define a list of fancy meats that should be considered in the Standard.
 - Prepare definitions and explanatory texts to describe fancy meats.
 - Propose to the Specialized Section that it completes a final draft with pictures. Delegations will submit pictures requested in the Standard.
 - Present the proposal prepared by the Rapporteurs, (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2007/4) to the Specialized Section.
4. The Rapporteurs decided to submit the document to the next meeting of the Specialized Section as a draft document for discussion.

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