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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat
27-29 March 2000, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday, 28th March 2000*

NOTE by the secretariat: Document numbers in square brackets have been reserved for papers not received by the secretariat at the time of the preparation of the agenda. They will either be distributed before the meeting in the original language only (if received until 6 weeks before the session) or at the session as informal papers (if received later). They will also be available on the homepage if sent in electronic format.

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* *There will be a Meeting of Rapporteurs on Monday, 27 March 2000 commencing at 9:30 hrs within the framework of the Specialized Section. Language interpretation will be provided.*

3. Results of the Meetings of Rapporteurs
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Proposed timetable

27	March	9.30 - 12.30	Meeting of rapporteurs
		14.30 - 17.30	Meeting of rapporteurs
28	March	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1 - 3
		15.00 - 18.00	Item 3
29	March	10.00 - 13.00	Items 4 - 10
		15.00 - 18.00	Item 11

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 Matters of interest arising since the eighth session

Document TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/1999/2 sums up the relevant outcome of the third session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

Item 3 Report of the Meetings of Rapporteurs

(a) General requirements

Discussion at the last session: see TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/1999/5, paragraphs 16-27
Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/3

The general requirements were decided at the last session and adopted by the Working Party. The present document contains the newest version of the general requirements as discussed by the Meeting of Rapporteurs in Brisbane.

(b) Bovine specific section

Discussion at the last session: see TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/1999/5, paragraphs 28-34, 44(a)
Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/4

The document represents the outcome of the discussions on the bovine specific section held at the rapporteurs meeting in Brisbane.

(c) Summary text for individual product specifications

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/5

The document contains a summary text of the individual product descriptions and forms part of the carcasses and cuts specification section. Australia (AUS-MEAT) has undertaken to develop photos and to prepare completed draft copies for all countries attending the session of the Specialized Section in March. These will be in English only and forwarded directly to the different delegations.

(d) Reformatting of the porcine standard

Discussion at the last session: see TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/1999/5, paragraphs 13-15, 44(d)
Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/6

At the last session the specialized section agreed to use a new structure for its standards (separating general from specific requirements) and decided to review the porcine standard in the near future to integrate it into the new framework. The delegation of the United States offered to serve as rapporteur for this task.

4. UN/ECE quality trade mark

Discussion at the last session: see TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/1999/5, paragraphs 38-43

Discussion at the Working Party: see TRADE/WP.7/1999/7, paragraphs 93-94

Initial discussions on preparing a draft protocol on conformity assessment (trade mark) had been held at the last session of the Specialized Section. The principle of the co-operation between the Specialized Section and the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6) was agreed by WP.7.

5. Publications

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss plans for the publication of the bovine standard and a possible new publication of the reformatted porcine standard.

6. Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section

(a) Date and place

Delegations are invited to make proposals for dates and places of the next meetings of rapporteurs.

(b) Future Work

Delegations are invited to make proposals for the future work of the Specialized Section.

7. Preparation of the 56th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Delegations are invited to mention any item that should be brought to the attention of the Working Party.

8. Operational activities

Delegations are invited to discuss how the Specialized Section could assist countries in the further development of their meat trade.

9. Other business

Any other subject can be discussed under this item.

10. Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its eighth session the Group elected Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) as its Chairman and Mr. P. Hardwick (United Kingdom) as its Vice-Chairman.

11. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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