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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards
Sixty-First session
Geneva, 18 to 20 October 2005

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION*

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva
commencing at 10 hrs on Tuesday 18 October 2005**

** Informal working groups have a possibility to meet on 17 October. The secretariat will send out more information prior to that meeting.

Documents marked with an asterisk were not yet available at the time of the preparation of the provisional agenda. They will become available as an official document in the original language if received until 6 weeks before the meeting or as an informal paper if received later.

1	Adoption of the agenda	TRADE/WP.7/2005/1
2	Matters of interest arising since the last session	TRADE/WP.7/2005/2*
	(a) UNECE	
	(b) Other organizations	
3	Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2005/18

* The present document has been submitted after the official documentation deadline by the Trade Development and Timber Division due to resource constraints.

	(a)	Texts recommended for adoption as revised/new UNECE standards Melons Apples (Sizing)	 TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.1 TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.2
	(b)	Texts recommended for adoption as UNECE recommendations Table Grapes (one-year trial until 2006)	 TRADE//WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.1
		Apples(Maturity requirements) (two-year trial until 2007)	TRADE/WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.2
		Bilberries and Blueberries (extension of the trial until 2006)	
		Potatoes (extension of the trial until 2006)	
		Cherries (one-year trial until 2006)	TRADE//WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.3
		Peaches and Nectarines (correction to the maturity requirements; extension of the trial until 2006)	(See annotations)
		Ceps (new recommendation for a two-year trial period until 2007)	TRADE//WP.7/GE.1/2005/18/Add.4 TRADE/WP.7/2005/3
	(c)	Deletion of the UNECE recommendation for plums	(See annotations)
4	Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)		TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2005/19
	(a)	Texts recommended for adoption as revised/new UNECE standards	
	(b)	Texts recommended for adoption as UNECE recommendations	
	(c)	Deletion of the word “(fruit)” from the name of the Specialized Section	
5	Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes		TRADE/WP.7/GE.6/2005/11
	(a)	Text recommended for adoption as revised UNECE Standard	TRADE/WP.7/2005/4 TRADE/WP.7/2005/4/Add.1
	(b)	Information on meetings of the extended bureau	
6	Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat		
	(a)	Revised UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat	
	(b)	Information on the meetings of rapporteurs	
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	(a)	Alignment of the control certificate with the UN layout key	TRADE/WP.7/2005/5*
	(b)	Revision of the Geneva Protocol	
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	(d)	Point of application of UNECE standards	TRADE/WP.7/2005/7
	(e)	Assessment of the implementation of UNECE Standards	TRADE/WP.7/2005/8
	(f)	Review of the work of the Working Party	
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17	October		Informal meetings as necessary
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ANNOTATIONS

ITEM 1 Adoption of the agenda

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda.

ITEM 2 Matters of interest arising since the last session

Other organizations as well as groups within UNECE have been invited to provide any information that could be of interest to the Working Party. Representatives of these groups/ organizations have been invited to present the information.

Document TRADE/WP.7/2005/2 contains the discussion on the work of the Working Party that was held at the 2005 session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development.

ITEM 3 Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

The Working Party will be informed on the outcome of the fifty-first session of the Specialized Section and will be invited to take decisions on the standards and recommendations proposed for adoption.

Concerning 3(b): Peaches and nectarines: The Specialized Section decided to make a correction to this recommendation. In the section on minimum maturity requirements, the words "with the skin intact" were deleted.

Concerning 3(c): The Specialized Section decided to recommend to the Working Party to delete the recommendation on hybrids for plums and to continue with the standard in force because the international trade volume for these products is not very high at the moment.

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

The Working Party will be informed on the outcome of the fifty-second session of the Specialized Section and will be invited to take decisions on standards and recommendations as proposed.

Concerning 4(c): The Specialized Section proposes to delete the word "(fruit)" from its name to take into account recent decisions on new work.

ITEM 5 Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

The Working Party will be informed on the outcome of the thirty-fifth session of the Specialized Section.

The Specialized Section recommends the adoption of the text contained in TRADE/WP.7/2005/4 and TRADE/WP.7/2005/4/Add.1 as revised UNECE Standard for Seed Potatoes.

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the meetings of the extended bureau held in 2005.

ITEM 6 Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

The Working Party will be informed on the outcome of the fourteenth session of the Specialized Section.

Concerning 6(a): Depending on the progress made with this revision, the Chairman of the Specialized Section will propose to the Working Party to adopt the text.

ITEM 7 Publications

(a) UNECE Standards for Meat

The secretariat will inform the Working Party on the status of the publication of the updated standard for bovine, ovine and chicken meat and the new standard for llama meat.

(b) Promotional booklet on the work and achievements of the Working Party

The secretariat will inform the Working Party on the status of this publication.

(c) Colour Gauge for Walnut Kernels

The Working Party will be informed about progress made on the development of the Color Gauge for Walnut Kernels.

ITEM 8 General questions concerning the work of WP.7 and its Specialized Sections

(a) Compatibility of the control certificate with the UN layout key

TRADE/WP.7/2005/5

The Working Group on the Control Certificate prepared a proposal in cooperation with the United Kingdom trade facilitation organisation SITPRO. The proposal aims at aligning the control certificate with the UN Layout Key and to define continuation sheets to allow several lots to be treated on one certificate. The specialized sections GE.1 and GE.2 discussed the text and agreed it in an updated form as contained in TRADE/WP.7/2005/5. It is submitted to the Working Party for adoption.

(b) Terms of reference for the Working Party and the Specialized Sections

The Working Group on Working Procedures will report on its discussions on updating the framework in which the Working Party and its Specialized Sections operate and the status of the revision of the working procedures.

(c) Sales packages

TRADE/WP.7/2005/6

The working group (United States, European Community, Germany, France and the Czech Republic) will present a new document on the definition of sales packages including information from New Zealand.

(d) Point of application of UNECE standards

TRADE/WP.7/2005/7

The specialized sections (GE.1 and GE.6) as well as the Working Party have discussed how to make reference to the point of application of UNECE standards. Document TRADE/WP.7/2005/7 sums up the result of these discussions.

(e) Assessment of the implementation of UNECE Standards

TRADE/WP.7/2005/8

The specialized sections GE.1 and GE.2 have discussed a proposal from Germany for how to report on the acceptance and application of UNECE standards. Document TRADE/WP.7/2005/8 sums up the result of these discussions.

ITEM 10 Workshops

The Working Party will be informed on the joint OECD/UNECE workshop on agricultural standards held Georgia.

ITEM 11 Other business

Any other topic can be discussed under this agenda item.

ITEM 12 Programme of work

(a) Calendar of meetings

The calendar of sessions of the Specialized Sections and the Working Party will be presented for the consideration of the Working Party.

(b) Future work

Delegations are invited to propose on areas of future work of interest to their countries.

ITEM 13 Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Meeting is expected to elect a Chair and two vice-chairs. The Working Party elected the following bureau at its last session:

Chair: Mr. D.L. Priester (United States of America)

Vice-Chair: Ms. C. Gaspar (Hungary)

Vice-Chair: Ms. V. Baricicova (Slovakia)

ITEM 14 Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt the report of its session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:

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

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Meeting documentation will be available on our homepage:

<http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.htm>

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