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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Sixty-fifth session
Geneva, 5 - 6 November 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on 5 and 6 November 2009²

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 - (a) Texts for adoption as new UNECE standards
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¹ Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations should complete the registration form, downloadable from <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.htm> and transmit it to the secretariat either by e-mail (alissa.mayor@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0629). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny entrance to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais (in case of a problem, please call 022 917 12 65). Documents for the meeting and information for Geneva visitors are also available on the website.

² The meeting will be held back-to-back with the fifty-sixth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (2-4 November 2009).

- (b) Extension of the UNECE Standard for Veal Meat
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II. ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/1)

Item 2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) Matters of interest since the last session

The secretariat will inform the delegates about the decisions that might be taken by the Executive Committee having an impact on the work of the Working Party.

(b) Recent developments in other organizations

The delegations will be informed about the activities of other organizations active in the area of agricultural quality standards.

Items 3 - 6

The chairpersons of the specialized sections will present their work since the 2008 meeting of the Working Party. The Working Party will decide on the proposed texts and on other issues concerning its work.

Item 3. Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Documentation: Report of the eighteenth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/8)

(a) Texts for adoption as new UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the texts on eggs and egg products for adoption as new UNECE standards.

Documentation: Eggs (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/14)
Egg products (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/15)

(b) Extension of the UNECE Standard for Veal Meat

The Specialized Section submitted a list of additional cuts to be included in the Standard for approval by the Working Party.

Documentation: List of cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/16)

Item 4. Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

In the past year the Specialized Section focused on promoting the Standard on Seed Potatoes worldwide. The work on the Standard was carried out at the meetings of the Extended Bureau. The Specialized Section did not have time to meet in Geneva to endorse the amendments to the Standard and recommend them for approval by the Working Party.

Item 5. Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Documentation: Report of the fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2009/4)

(a) Revised Standard Layout for UNECE standards on fresh fruit and vegetables

The Specialized Section revised the text of the Standard Layout and recommended that the Working Party adopt it as a new Standard Layout.

Documentation: Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/2)

(b) Texts for adoption as revised UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on apples, avocados, citrus fruit, sweet peppers, apricots, fresh chilli peppers, chanterelles and shallots for adoption as revised/new UNECE standards.

Documentation: Apples (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/3)
Avocados (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/4)
Citrus fruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/5)
Sweet peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/6)
Apricots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/7)
Fresh chilli peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/8)
Chanterelles (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/9)
Shallots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/10)

(c) Texts for adoption as UNECE recommendations

The Specialized Section submitted the revised texts on peaches and nectarines for adoption as recommendation for trial use until the end of 2010.

Documentation: Peaches and nectarines (FFV-26: Peaches and nectarines - Recommendation)

(d) Alignment of standards with the revised Standard Layout and other non-substantive changes to standards

The Specialized Section recommended that old standards be aligned to the revised Standard Layout. It also suggested some minor changes to several standards.

Documentation: Tomatoes (FFV-36: Tomatoes)
Pears (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/11)
Potatoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/12)

Item 6. Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

Documentation: Report of the fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2009/5)

(a) Revised Standard Layout for UNECE standards on dry and dried produce

The Specialized Section, having revised the text, recommended that the Working Party adopt it as the new Standard Layout.

Documentation: Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/17)

(b) Texts for adoption as new/revised UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels, hazelnut kernels and blanched almond kernels for adoption as new or revised UNECE standards.

Documentation: Pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels – new (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/18)
Hazelnut kernels – revised (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/19)
Blanched almond kernels – new (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/20)

(c) Texts for extension as UNECE recommendations

The Specialized Section submitted the revised texts on dates, inshell macadamia nuts and macadamia kernels to extend their trial period until the end of 2010.

Documentation: Dates (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/21)
Inshell macadamia nuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/22)
Macadamia kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/23)

Item 7. Interpretation of UNECE standards

The Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables submitted the explanatory brochure for sweet peppers to the Working Party for approval.

Documentation: Brochure for sweet peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/13)

Item 8. Concentration of agricultural quality standards work in UNECE

The Working Party will formulate its position on the transfer to the UNECE of the activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Scheme, based on the UNECE and OECD task forces' report.

Documentation: Report on the transfer (INF.25, Informal document)

Item 9. Capacity-building activities

The secretariat and delegations will exchange information on capacity-building, training and promotional and other activities that have taken place since the last session of the Working Party or are planned for the near future.

Item 10. Other business

Participants may wish to discuss any other issues of interest for the work of the Working Party.

Item 11. Future work

The Working Party will decide on its future work.

Item 12. Election of officers

The delegations will elect a Chairperson and vice-chairperson(s). At its 2008 session, the Working Party elected Ms. Viera Baričičová (Slovakia) as Chairperson and Ms. Niina Kauhajarvi (Finland) as Vice-Chairperson.

Item 13. Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt its report.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Thursday, 5 November	10:00 - 13:00	Items 1,2,3,4,5
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 5 (cont'd),6
Friday, 6 November	10:00 - 13:00	Items 6 (cont'd),7,8,9,10,11,12
	15:00 - 18:00	Item 13