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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva¹.

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¹ The meeting will be held back-to-back with the fifty-seventh session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (1-3 November 2010).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party will adopt the agenda.

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

2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

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.

3. Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Documentation: Report of the nineteenth session

Owing to the volcanic ash cloud which made it impossible for delegates to attend the scheduled April session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat, the meeting had to be postponed to 21 and 22 October 2010. Therefore, the report can only be presented to the Working Party in late October. Revised documents might become available in English shortly before the meeting. The Chair of the Specialized Section might outline and explain revisions which are for adoption by the Working Party.

(a) UNECE standards for meat

For the reasons explained above, at time of writing, no documents are available under this agenda item.

(b) UNECE standards for eggs and egg products

The Specialized Section submitted the texts on eggs and egg products for adoption as new UNECE standards. No further comments have been received.

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Edible hen eggs-in-shell (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/14)

UNECE Standard for Edible hen egg products for use in the food industry (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/15)

4. Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

The Specialized Section submitted the revised text of the Standard for Seed Potatoes and the updated List of Diseases and Pests for approval by the Working Party.

Documentation: Report of the thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/9)

5. Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Documentation: Report of the fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/4)

(a) 2009 Standard Layout for UNECE standards on fresh fruit and vegetables

The Working Party may wish to approve linguistic changes to the French version of the 2009 Standard Layout.

Documentation: 2009 Standard Layout

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

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on apples, pears (list of varieties), cherries, citrus fruit, berry fruits, leafy vegetables, root and tubercle vegetables as revised/new UNECE standards. At its November 2010 session, the Specialized Section may decide to submit more texts to the Working Party for approval.

Documentation: Berry fruits (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/2)

Leafy vegetables (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/3)

Citrus fruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/4)

Apples (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/5)

Pears (list of varieties) (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/6)

Cherries (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/7)

Root and tubercle vegetables (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/8)

(c) Alignment of standards with the 2009 Standard Layout and minor substantive changes to standards

At its November 2010 session, the Specialized Section will align a number of standards with the 2009 Standard Layout and will decide on submitting them to the Working Party for approval.

The standards that the delegations had wished to align with the 2009 Standard Layout are listed under item 6 of the provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Specialized Section (document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/5).

6. Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

Documentation: Report of the fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/7)

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

The Specialized Section submitted the following amended texts for adoption as revised or new UNECE standards: pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels, hazelnut kernels, dates, inshell macadamia nuts (new UNECE Standard DDP-22) and macadamia kernels (new UNECE Standard DDP-23).

Documentation: Pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/10)

Hazelnut kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/11)

Dates (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/12)

Inshell macadamia nuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/13)

Macadamia kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/14)

(b) Texts for extension as UNECE recommendations

The Specialized Section submitted the revised text on dried pears for a trial period until the end of 2011.

Documentation: Dried pears (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/15)

7. Interpretation of UNECE standards

The Working Party is expected to approve the decision by the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables to start work on the UNECE Brochure for Pineapples in parallel with revising the Standard.

8. Coordination of work between UNECE and OECD Scheme

The Working Party will consider guidelines for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNECE and the OECD Scheme.

Documentation: Guidelines for MoU (INF.34)

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.

10. Other business

The Working Party will consider the amendments to its working procedures recommended for approval by the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. The delegations may wish to discuss any other issues of interest for the work of the Working Party.

Documentation: Working procedures (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/9)

11. Future work

The Working Party will decide on its future work.

12. Election of officers

The delegations will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. At its 2009 session, the Working Party elected Ms. Viera Baričičová (Slovakia) as Chair and Mr. Ian Hewett (United Kingdom) as Vice-Chair.

13. Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt its report.

III. Tentative timetable

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