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Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

Meeting of the Extended Bureau  
Bandung, Indonesia, 19-20 October 2010

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF  
THE EXTENDED BUREAU**

The meeting will be held back-to-back with the Regional Workshop on Seed Potatoes for Asian Countries to take place in Bandung, Indonesia, from 18 to 20 October 2010. This agenda draws on the recommendations and decisions taken by the Specialized Section at its 2010 session (see the report ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/9).

**1. Review of the changes made to the Standard at the March 2010 session of the Specialized Section**

Documentation: The revised Standard (GE.6/BUR/2010/2)

The delegates will review the changes made at the March 2010 session of the Specialized Section before recommending the revised Standard to the Working Party for adoption.

**2. List of diseases and pests**

Documentation:

<http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/potatoes/ListOfDiseasesAndPests.htm>

The delegates will revisit the list of diseases and pests amended at the March session to include text and pictures on dry and wet (soft) tuber rots. The list can be viewed at the link above.

**3. Varietal identity and purity**

Documentation: Draft questionnaire (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/7 Revised)

At its March meeting, the Specialized Section revised the varietal identity part of the questionnaire. The delegations will revise the second part, on varietal purity, using the same document that they worked on in March.

**4. Statistical comparability of the post-harvest evaluation results**

Documentation:

Note on statistical comparability (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/INF.3 Revised)

The delegates will continue to work on the note on statistical comparability of the evaluation results submitted by the expert group (Denmark/Netherlands/United Kingdom) and revised at the March meeting of the Specialized Section.

#### **5. Internal defects caused by low temperatures**

The delegates will try to define more precisely what a low temperature injury is, bearing in mind that it would normally cause discolouration and would affect the ability to germinate, and will decide on where to include this definition in the Standard. The delegation of Canada is expected to make proposals.

#### **6. Practices in cutting tubers for internal defects during inspection**

The delegates are expected to report at the meeting on their national practices in cutting tubers for inspection. The Extended Bureau will have a preliminary discussion on where to reflect these practices in the Standard.

#### **7. Crop rotation practices**

The delegates are expected to report at the meeting on their national practices in crop rotation. The Extended Bureau will decide whether the Standard should contain any provisions recommending best crop rotation practices.

#### **8. Reproductive cycles**

Documentation: Proposal by Germany (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/INF.7)

The Extended Bureau will consider the proposal by the delegation of Germany to include the number of reproductive cycles of seed in the UNECE national standards comparisons.

#### **9. Validity period for conformity (grade inspection) certificates**

Documentation: 2010 post-session document "Validity certificate" on:  
<http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/meetings/ge.06/2010-in-session.htm>

The delegates are expected to exchange information on the validity period of certificates and discuss whether the Standard should contain any guidelines on the length of the validity period of certificates.

#### **10. Demonstration trials**

Documentation: Report on the trial (GE.6/BUR/2010/3)  
Demonstration trials protocol (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2010/8)

The secretariat will present the report of the preliminary trial held in Russia in 2010. The Extended Bureau may wish to review the demonstration trials protocol, taking into account the first experience in Russia, and will discuss the possibility of carrying out a full-scale demonstration trial in 2011.

#### **11. Silver scurf**

The delegates will discuss how to deal with the increased occurrence of silver scurf on seed potatoes. The delegation of the United States will introduce this topic for a discussion.

**12. Update of information on the national certification schemes**

The Extended Bureau will decide on carrying out a survey to update information on the national certification schemes.

**13. Promotion of the Standard**

The Extended Bureau will exchange views on the future activities to promote the Standard in view of making it the officially recognized reference for international trade in seed potatoes.

**14. Future work and programme of meetings**

The Extended Bureau will identify future topics for discussion and a provisional programme of meetings. The delegation of Canada had offered to host a meeting of the Specialized Section Extended Bureau in 2010 (postponed). The delegation of the Czech Republic has offered to host a meeting of the Bureau in October 2011 and the delegation of France expressed the wish to host the meeting in Toulouse in 2012. The next annual session of the Specialized Section will be held in Geneva in March 2011.

**15. Other business**

Participants may wish to discuss any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section.