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Provisional agenda and annotations*

Session to be held in Izmir, Turkey** together with a workshop on Agri-food Supply Chains in Cross-border Trade of Nuts and Dried Fruit

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Specialized Section will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2014/2)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities in their agencies that are of relevance to the work of the Section.

3. Review of UNECE Recommendations

The Specialized Section will review the following Recommendations, which were adopted or extended by the 2014 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2015 (Dried Grapes) or extended for another year (Dried Apricots and Dried Figs).

(a) Dried Apricots

Documentation: Revised Recommendation for Dried Apricots (proposals by Turkey)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/3)

UNECE Recommendation for Dried Apricots
(http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/standard/dry/Recommendations/DDP_RecE_DriedApricots_2014.pdf)

(b) Dried Figs

Documentation: Revised Recommendation for Dried Figs (proposals by Turkey)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/4)

UNECE Recommendation for Dried Figs
(http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/standard/dry/Recommendations/DDP_RecE_DriedApricots_2014.pdf)

(c) **Dried Grapes**

Documentation: UNECE Recommendation for Dried Grapes (proposals by Turkey)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/5)

UNECE Recommendation for Dried Grapes

(http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/standard/dry/Recommendations/DDP_RecE_DriedGrapes_2014.pdf)

4. Review of existing UNECE Standards and alignment with the 2011 Standard Layout

(a) **Dates**

The Specialized Section will review the tolerances for “pest damage” contained in the UNECE Standard for Dates on the basis of information provided by the working group (Coordination: Germany, with Saudi Arabia, United States, and the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC)). The Specialized Section will also review a list of additional varieties proposed by the delegation of Saudi Arabia to be added to the Annex of the UNECE Standard for Dates.

Documentation: Proposals by the working Group on tolerances for pest damage and additional varieties
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/6)

(b) **Inshell Pistachios**

The Specialized Section will review, the revised draft Standard for Inshell Pistachios that has been aligned with the 2011 Standard Layout (Coordination: United States of America).

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Inshell Pistachios (proposals by the United States of America)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/7)

(c) **Almond Kernels**

The Specialized Section will review the revised draft Standard for Almond Kernels that has been aligned with the 2011 Standard Layout (Coordination: United States of America).

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Almond Kernels (proposals by the delegation of the United States of America)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/8)

(d) **Walnut Kernels**

The Specialized Section will review the revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels that has been aligned with the 2011 Standard Layout (Coordination: USA).

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels (proposals by the delegation of the United States of America)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/9)

5. Discussion on the development of an electronic UNECE brochure for Walnut Kernels

The Specialized Section will discuss the proposed development of an electronic Brochure for Walnut Kernels (proposals by the United States of America).

6. Development of a sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce (Recommendation on trial through 2015)

Delegations are requested to review the UNECE recommendation on a sampling plan for tree nuts and for dried produce (Coordination: Germany, United States of America, INC).

Documentation: Sampling plan for tree nuts and for dried produce – proposals/comments (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/10)

Sampling plans for tree nuts and for dried produce
(http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/standard/dry/Recommendations/DDP_RecE_SamplingPlan_2014.pdf)

7. Review of the DDP Standard Layout Annex III – Recommended Terms and Definitions of Defects

The Specialized Section will review the terms and defects currently listed in Annex III of the 2011 version of the DDP Standard Layout and the proposed additions.

Documentation: Changes to the 2011 Standard Layout for UNECE Standards on Dry and Dried Produce
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/11)

8. Food waste and standards

At the November 2014 session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards and given the increasing concerns about food waste in many countries, the Working Party recommended that all Specialized Sections of the Working Party consider if this topic would be appropriate for their work.

9. Other business

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

10. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

11. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. At its sixty-first session the group elected Mr. Dorian LaFond (United States of America) as Chair and Ms. Matlou Setati (South Africa) as Vice-Chair.

12. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2015/2)

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 29 June	10.00 – 18.00	Items 1-4
Tuesday, 30 June	10.00 – 18.00	Items 4 (cont.) - 12
Wednesday, 1 July	09:30 – 17.00	Workshop
Thursday, 2 July	09.30 – 17.00	Field trip and practical training
Friday, 3 July	09.30 – 17.00	Workshop