



Agri-Food Supply Chains in Cross-Border Trade of Nuts and Dried Fruit

Quality--Food Safety--
Business Processes--Markets

Izmir – Turkey--1 to 3 July 2015--Hotel Hilton

Ministry of Economy of Turkey

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Aegean Exporters' Association



THE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1 July 2015

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 **Opening**

Welcome and Opening address by host country speaker

Introduction: The workshop on cross-border agri-food trade

Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (Head, Agricultural Standards Unit, UNECE)

Introduction: Analysis of cross-border supply chains – Business Process Analysis

Mr. Salehin Khan (Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 **Session 1 - Cross-border agri-food supply chains – nuts and dried fruit**

Overview – international trade in nuts and dried fruit

Mr. Giuseppe Calcagni (INC Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Scientific and Government Affairs Committee, and Chairman of the Statistics Committee).

Turkey's dry and dried fruit - sectoral outlook

Mr. Nejat ALMIŞ (Aegean Exporters' Association)

Overview Case studies: industry, export markets, future prospects, international projects

Central Asia

Mr. Sherzod Akbarov, Head, Economic Governance Unit
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Uzbekistan

Ms. Elvira Baijumanova, Expert Private Sector Development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Kyrgyzstan

Ukraine

Ms. Elena Ivchenko **Ukraine** Director of the Ukrainian Walnut Association

Afghanistan

Mr. Ahmad Zia SAYD (CEO of TABESH Higher Education Institute, Afghanistan)

13:00 Lunch break



Wednesday 1 July 2015 afternoon

14:30

Session 2: International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce – Quality and Food safety requirements for trade



Quality legislation and requirements for nuts and dried fruit

- **UNECE Marketing standards**
Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (UNECE)
- **EU practice**
Mr. Istvan Ecsedi (Head of Department, National Food-Chain Safety Office, Hungary)
- **US Practice**
Mr. Jeremiah Szabo (Food Safety & Commodity Manager, DFA of California, USA)

Interpretation and application of quality standards

- Quality Inspections at Export Stage for Dry and Dried Produce – the Turkish Practice
Mr. Emre Kiricioğlu (Product Inspector, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)
- UNECE Standard for walnuts
Presenter (tbc)

Food safety issues in the international trade of nuts and dried fruit

- Mycotoxins, Codes of Practice, Codex Standards,
Ms. Betül Vazgeçer (Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey)

16:00

Coffee break

16:15

Session 3: From farm to point of export - Business process analyses (BPAs) and prioritized action implementation

- **BPAs and their methodology**
- Organizing BPAs on country level
- Case study: Dried Apricots in Tajikistan (BPA 2015)
- Analysis of shortcomings and ways to improve particular priority food supply chains
Ms. Nozigul Khushvakhtova (former UNECE consultant, Tajikistan) and
Mr. Salehin Khan (UNECE)

Thursday 2 July 2015 (all day)

Study tour and practical training

Erbeyli Fig Research Institute

Processing companies

with practical demonstrations of sampling plan trials and inspections at point of shipment (export) and point of destination (import) conducted by Turkish and international inspectors.

Cultural visits



Friday 3 July 2015

9:30

Session 4 – International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce - Institutional and technical issues

Quality inspection systems - legal and technical infrastructure . - Objectives, functions, organization of inspection services



- **Overview on how quality and food safety inspection systems are organized and work in EU countries**
Mr. Istvan Ecsedi (Hungary)
- **The Use of IT systems in export and import control systems (example Turkey)**
Mr. Korkut Yavuz (Chief of Section, DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)

10:30

Coffee break

Links between inspection systems and control agencies

SPS Inspections at Export Stage for Dry and Dried Produce
Turkey

Mr. Hüseyin Çiftçi (Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey)

Interpretation of quality standards – Sampling

Overview of sampling and testing for the application of quality and conformity by inspection services

Ms. Ulrike Bickelmann (Head of Inspection Service Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE), Germany)

Interpretation of quality standards – OECD explanatory guides

Ms. Marie Russel (Senior Program Officer, OECD)

12:30

Lunch break

Friday 3 July 2015 afternoon

14:00

Session 5 - The way forward – linking into supply chains – issues beyond standards and regulatory requirements

Quality management, export readiness and marketing

Marketing issues: export markets, marketing, and consumers – the example of dried grapes from Turkey

Mr. Cihat Koç (Sector representative, Aegean Exporters' Association)

Quality production and management before export

- . Know your market
- . Quality management and training in companies
- . Quality, storage and supply chains

Mr. Dorian LaFond (International Standards Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture- USDA)



15:00

Coffee Break

Pre-export quality, production and management (overview)

Dried Figs

Dried Apricots

Prof. Dr. Mrs. Uygun AKSOY (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department for Horticulture)

16:30

Closing of the workshop – Wrap-up and next steps

ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK



	29 June Monday	30 June Tuesday	1 July Wednesday	2 July Thursday	3 July Friday
Morning	UNECE Specialized Section	UNECE Specialized Section	Workshop	Study tour and practical training	Workshop
Afternoon	UNECE Specialized Section	UNECE Specialized Section	Workshop	Study tour and practical training	Workshop