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##### Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

##### Sixty-third session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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

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## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Specialized Section will adopt the agenda.

*Documentation:* Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/1)

### **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/CTCS/WP.7/2015/2)

#### **(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. Development of a guideline for inspections of dry and dried produce**

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the development of a guideline for inspection of dry and dried produce.

### **4. Review of UNECE Recommendations**

The Specialized Section will review the following Recommendations, which were extended at the 2015 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2016. The texts of Recommendations are available at <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/ddp-recommendations.html>

#### **(a) Dried Apricots (Coordination: Turkey)**

*Documentation:* Revised Recommendation for Dried Apricots  
ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/3

#### **(b) Dried Figs (Coordination: Turkey)**

*Documentation:* Revised Recommendation for Dried Figs  
ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/4

#### **(c) Dried Grapes (Coordination: Turkey)**

*Documentation:* UNECE Recommendation for Dried Grapes  
ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/5

- (d) **Inshell Pistachios** (Coordination: United States of America)  
*Documentation:* Revised Recommendation for Inshell Pistachios  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/6)
- (e) **Almond Kernels** (Coordination: United States of America)  
*Documentation:* Revised Recommendation for Almond Kernels  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/7)

## **5. Review of existing UNECE Standards and related explanatory brochures**

- (a) **Walnut Kernels** (Coordination: United States of America)  
The Specialized Section will review the revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels.  
*Documentation:* Revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/8)
- (b) **Explanatory brochure for walnut kernels**  
The Specialized Section will review the proposed explanatory brochure for walnut kernels (coordination: United States of America) which describes and illustrates the provisions of the Standard.  
*Documentation:* Draft Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/9)
- (c) **Revised colour gauge for walnut kernels**  
The Specialized Section will review a revised version of the colour gauge (coordination: United States of America) to include the newly internationally traded Livermore variety.

## **6. UNECE Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce**

Delegations are invited to review the UNECE recommendation on a sampling plan for tree nuts and for dried produce, which was extended at the 2015 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2016. The text of the Recommendation is available at <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/ddp-recommendations.html>

*Documentation:* Sampling plan for tree nuts and for dried produce – proposals/comments  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/10)

## **7. Development of a generic layout for an explanatory poster**

At the 2015 session, the Specialized Section requested the secretariat to assist in the development of a generic poster layout on the basis of already existing poster formats and layouts. Over the year, the secretariat has received contributions from delegations, which will be presented in consolidated format to the Specialized Section. Comments and printed material are welcome.

## **8. Review of the UNECE Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce**

The Specialized Section will review the 2011 version of the DDP Standard Layout (see <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/ddp-standards.html>) and the proposed amendments.

*Documentation:* Changes to the 2011 Standard Layout for UNECE Standards on Dry and Dried Produce  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/11)

## **9. Development of new UNECE Standards**

The Specialized Section will review the proposed new draft standards for Pecan kernels and dried sour cherries.

### **(a) Pecan Kernels** (Coordination: Germany)

*Documentation:* Draft standard for pecan kernels ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/12

### **(b) Dried Sour Cherries** (Coordination: Germany)

*Documentation:* Draft standard for dried sour cherries  
ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/13

## **10. Change of title: UNECE Standard for Dates**

The Specialized Section will be informed of the decision by the Working Party at its November 2015 session to amend the title of the UNECE Standard for Dates to “Dried Dates” (to avoid confusion with the future Codex Alimentarius standard on “Fresh Dates”).

## **11. Food loss/waste and standards - update**

The secretariat will update the Specialized Section on recent developments and work done in other Specialized Sections.

## **12. Other business**

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

## **13. Future work**

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

## **14. Election of officers**

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

**15. Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2016/2)

**III. Tentative timetable**

Monday, 27 June	10.00 – 13.00	Working group meetings (no interpretation)
	15.00 – 18.00	Formal opening of session Items 1 - 4
Tuesday, 28 June	10:00 – 13.00	Items 4 (cont.) - 5
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 5 (cont.) - 6
Wednesday, 29 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 7 - 9
	15:00- 18:00	Items 9 (cont.) - 15