



The Workshop Programme

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

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

11 - 13 July 2016, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Wyndham Hotel, "Silk Road B" Conference-Hall

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Monday, 11 July 2016

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 **Opening**

Welcome and Opening address by host country speaker

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

Speaker: Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, Head, Agricultural Standards Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

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Speaker: UNDP Uzbekistan representative (TBC)

10:30 Coffee break

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

Overview – international trade in nuts and dried fruit. Industry perspective

Speaker: Mr. Pino Calcagni, Vice Chairman, International Nuts and Dried Fruit Council (INC)

Case studies and updates – Central Asia

Industry, export markets, future prospects, international projects in Central Asia:

- **Uzbekistan**

Speaker: Mr. Dilshod Akbarov, Project Manager, Aid for Trade Project, UNDP Uzbekistan

- **Kyrgyzstan**

Speaker: Ms. Dilyara Alimjanova, Director, Association of food industry enterprises

Tajikistan

Speakers: Mr. Rakhimzoda Abdumavlon, Director of Soghd center Tajikstandart, and

Mr. Firdavs Abdufattoev, Chairman, Association of exports of agricultural products

Case studies and updates – other countries

- **China**

Speaker: Mr Cheng Hung Kay, Chairman of tree nut subchamber, China Chamber of Commerce

- **Ukraine**

Speaker: Ms. Elena Ivchenko, Director, Ukrainian Walnut Association

13:00

Lunch break

14:30

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

UNECE Marketing standards – from development, amendment to adoption – quality requirements for nuts and dried fruit

Speaker: Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, Head Agricultural Standards Unit
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

How are international standards and best practice implemented at national level?

Speaker: Mr. Dorian LaFond, International Standards Coordinator, U.S.
Department of Agriculture- USDA

15:30

Coffee break

15:45 - 17:00

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

Overview on how quality and food safety inspection systems are organized (EU regulations, export controls)

Speaker: Mr. Emre Kiricioğlu (Product Inspector, Ministry of Economy, Turkey) and Mr. Jacques CAZOR (Inspector, General Direction, Competition, Consumption and Fraud repression, Ministry of Economy and Industry, France)

Use of IT systems in export and import control systems (example Turkey)

Speaker: Mr. Korkut Yavuz (Chief of Section, DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)

Discussion

Food safety issues in the international trade of nuts and dried fruit – EU market quality and safety requirements for nuts and dried fruit – experiences, controls procedures

Discussants: Codex Alimentarius representative (TBC); Mr. Jacques CAZOR (France); Mr. Pino Calcagni (INC) and Mr. Emre Kiricioğlu (Turkey)

Tuesday, 12 July 2016 (all day)

Practical training study tour

10:00	Explanation of the provisions of UNECE standards
11:00	Coffee break
11:15	Practical demonstrations, grading, trials and inspections conducted by international inspectors.
13:00	Lunch break
14:15	Visit of the “Uzkurgazmasavdo” exhibition center (Fair on dried and fresh fruit and vegetables produced in Uzbekistan)
16:00	Visit of the local market of fresh and dried fruits (optional)

Wednesday, 13 July 2016

10:00 **Session 3: From farm to point of export - Business process analyses (BPAs) and prioritized action implementation**

Analysis of shortcomings and ways to improve particular priority food supply chains - BPAs and their methodology

BPAs – introduction

Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Measures for Agricultural Trade

- Case study: Dried Apricots in Tajikistan (BPA 2015) and follow-up

Speakers: Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (UNECE), Ms. Maame Agyeben (Trade Facilitation Unit, UNESCAP), and Ms. Yelena Vassilevskaya (Consultant, UNECE)

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 **Analysis of shortcomings and ways to improve particular priority food supply chains - BPAs and their methodology**

- Case study: Dried Grapes in Uzbekistan (BPA 2016)

Speakers: Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (UNECE) and Ms. Yelena Vassilevskaya (Consultant, UNECE)

12:15

Session 4 – The way forward – linking into supply chains – issues beyond standards and regulatory requirements

Walnuts - successful walnut value chains with practical recommendations for producers

- **China**

Speaker: Mr Cheng Hung Kay, Chairman of tree nut subchamber, China Chamber of Commerce with contributions from UNECE

13:00

Lunch break

14:00

Quality production and management before export

- . Organizing export sectors
- . Quality management and training in companies
- . Public-Private cooperation

Speaker: Mr. Korkut Yavuz (Chief of Section, DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)

15:00

Coffee Break

15:15

Marketing issues: export markets, marketing, and consumers

Speaker: Mr. Pino Calcagni, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Scientific and Government Affairs Committee International Nuts and Dried Fruit Council (INC)

Quality management, export readiness and marketing

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

16:30

Closing of the workshop – Wrap-up and next steps

Thursday, 14 July 2016

Trip to Samarkand