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Updated Provisional agenda and annotations ***

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

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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.2/2017/1/rev)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present matters arising from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards 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.7/2016/2)

(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 existing standards and related explanatory brochures ¹

(a) Walnut kernels

The Specialized Section will review the revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels (coordination: United States of America) and proposed new amendments.

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Walnut Kernels and amendments (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/3)

(b) Inshell almonds

The delegation of Germany submitted a request to revise the Standard for Inshell Almonds DDP-18 (2007) as an additional topic under agenda item 3.

***Documentation:* UNECE Standard for Inshell Almonds (DDP-18)**

**Proposal by Germany on Inshell almonds
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.2)**

¹ All UNECE standards for dry and dried produce as well as the Standard Layout can be found at www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/dry/ddp-standards.html.

(c) 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.2/2017/4)

Draft Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.3)

4. Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections for dry and dried produce

At its 2016 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop the already existing draft sampling plan and use it as the basis for illustrated guidelines. The informal, electronic working group (Germany, United States and INC) will present a new draft for comments and contributions (also photos) by all delegations. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the new guidelines for inspections of dry and dried produce.

Documentation: Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections for dry and dried produce
ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/5

5. Development of new standards

(a) Dried coconut pieces

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Coconut Pieces
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/6)

Position of Brazil on Dried Coconut Pieces
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.6)

(b) Dried bananas

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Bananas
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/7)

(c) Dried papaya

Documentation: Draft Standard for Dried Papaya
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/8)

6. Alignment and revision of standards

(a) Prunes

Documentation: Draft Standard for Prunes
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/9)

7. Explanatory posters

At its 2016 session, the Specialized Section adopted a generic poster layout on the basis of already existing poster formats and layouts. The first draft poster was finalized with contributions from Central Asian countries as well as Turkey. Updates will be provided on related capacity-building and the impact of the guidance material in the Fergana Valley. Draft posters might be presented for inshell walnuts and pistachios.

(a) Dried apricots (including an update on capacity-building in Central Asia)

Documentation: Draft posters – Dried Apricots

(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.1)

Proposal by Germany on the draft Dried Apricot Poster

(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.5)

Additional proposal for the draft Dried Apricot Poster

(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.7)

Comments of the Central Asian Working Group on the draft Dried Apricot Poster

(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.8)

Additional proposal of the Central Asian Working Group concerning the photos used in the draft Apricot Poster

(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/INF.9)

(b) Inshell walnuts (~~to be confirmed~~)

(c) Pistachios (~~to be confirmed~~)

8. Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the Specialized Section

The secretariat will inform the Specialized Section about on-going initiatives by other Specialized Sections including the mapping of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets to their work; the link between quality, minimum requirements for international trade and the reduction of food loss as well as the development of promotional material for improved communication also at national levels.

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.

12. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2017/2)

III. Tentative timetable

Wednesday, 5 July	10.00 – 13.00	Working group meetings (no interpretation) – Salle V. Subjects include: Draft posters for Dried Apricots, Inshell Walnuts and Inshell Pistachio Nuts and Draft Standard for Prunes
	15.00 – 18.00	Formal opening of session Items 1 - 4
Thursday, 6 July	10:00 – 13.00	Items 4 (cont.) - 5
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 5 (cont.) - 6
Friday, 7 July	9.30 – 12.30	Items 7 - 12