



Economic Commission for Europe**Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards****Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards****Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce****Sixty-sixth session**

Geneva, 24-26 June 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Provisional agenda and annotations***

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, together with an international symposium on “Sustainable natural resources and their value chains – nuts” on 25 June 2019 (afternoon).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising since the last session:
 - (a) United Nations, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies – Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the Specialized Section;
 - (b) Other organizations.
3. Review of existing standards:
 - (a) Prunes;
 - (b) Inshell pistachio nuts.
4. Development of new standards:
 - (a) Dried coconut kernel pieces;
 - (b) Dried papaya;
 - (c) Dried melons;
 - (d) Peanuts;

* Delegates attending the meetings are encouraged to register online <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=WioVCa> or in the event of difficulties with electronic registration, contact the secretariat by e-mail (Stephen.hatem@un.org). Documents for the meeting and Information on the conference (including the programme and logistics) will be made available online at <http://www.unece.org/trade/wp7/ddp-66th-2019.html>.

- (e) Pecan nuts.
- 5. Walnuts from forests.
- 6. Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections of dry and dried produce.
- 7. Revision of the Standard Layout.
- 8. Explanatory materials:
 - (a) Pistachio nuts – poster;
 - (b) Dried apricots – explanatory guide;
 - (c) Walnut kernels and inshell walnuts – poster;
 - (d) Dried figs and dried grapes – posters;
 - (e) Cashew nuts – explanatory guide and cashew kernel colour chart.
- 9. Other business.
- 10. Future work.
- 11. Election of officers.
- 12. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Specialized Section will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) United Nations, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies – Sustainable Development Goals and the work of the Specialized Section

The secretariat will present matters arising from the United Nations, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section. The secretariat will update the Specialized Section about the nexus strategy adopted in the UNECE secretariat.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/2)

(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 standards¹

(a) Prunes

The Specialized Section is invited to review the revised recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for a 1-year trial period.

¹ All UNECE standards and recommendations 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.

Documentation: Proposals to amend the recommendation for prunes by the delegation of France (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/3)

Recommendation for Prunes (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/13)

(b) Inshell pistachio nuts

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to continue the discussions at its 2019 session on the kernel content and shell ratio of inshell pistachio nuts.

4. Development of new standards

(a) Dried coconut kernel pieces

The Specialized Section is invited to review the revised recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for an additional 1-year trial period

Documentation: Recommendation for Dried Coconut Kernel Pieces (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/14)

(b) Dried papaya

The Specialized Section is invited to review the revised recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for a 1-year trial period.

Documentation: Recommendation for Dried Papaya (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/16)

(c) Dried melons

The Specialized Section is invited to review the recommendation adopted by the Working Party in November 2018 for a 1-year trial period.

Documentation: Recommendation for Dried Melons (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/17)

Proposals by Uzbekistan – amendments to the recommendation for dried melons (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/4)

(d) Peanuts

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a standard for peanuts. The Specialized Section is invited to review the draft standard.

Documentation: Draft standard for peanuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/5)

(e) Pecan nuts

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a standard for pecan nuts. The Specialized Section is invited to review the draft standard.

Documentation: Draft standard for pecan nuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/6)

5. Walnuts from forests

The delegation from Kyrgyzstan submitted a proposal to explore the possibility of developing a standard for walnuts from forests or to integrate them into the current standard. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the proposal.

Documentation: Proposal by Kyrgyzstan – walnuts from forests (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/7)

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

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to organize a second working session to validate the sampling plan developed in Izmir, Turkey, in November 2018. It was also

decided that once the plan had been finalized, it would be useful to organize a training workshop for a larger audience, and to produce written guidelines and a video. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the finalized plan; the organization of a workshop and development of guidance material.

Documentation: Revised sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections for dry and dried produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/8)

7. Revision of the Standard Layout

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to revise the 2011 Standard Layout for UNECE Standards on Dry and Dried Produce. The Specialized Section is invited to review the proposed changes.

Documentation: Proposals to amend the UNECE Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/9)

8. Explanatory materials

(a) Pistachio nuts – poster

The Specialized Section is invited to further discuss the inshell pistachio poster.

(b) Dried apricots – explanatory guide

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to review an explanatory guide for dried apricots developed by the Central Asian working group. The Specialized Section is invited to review the guide.

(c) Walnut kernels and inshell walnuts – poster

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to explore the development of posters for walnut kernels and inshell walnuts. The Specialized Section is invited to review the draft posters.

(d) Dried figs and dried grapes – posters

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop posters for dried figs and dried grapes. The Specialized Section is invited to review the draft posters.

(e) Cashew nuts – explanatory guide and cashew kernel colour chart

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop an explanatory guide for cashew nuts as well as a cashew kernel colour chart. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss the drafts.

9. Other business

Any other issues of interest to 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-Chairpersons.

12. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2019/2)

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 24 June	10.30 – 13.00	Working group meetings (no interpretation)
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 1 – 4
Tuesday, 25 June	10:00 – 13.00	Items 5 – 6
	15.00 – 18.00	International symposium
Wednesday, 26 June	9.30 – 12.30	Items 7 – 12