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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 training on sampling and sampling plans for sustainable quality and inspection in trade

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* Delegates attending the meetings are encouraged to register online <http://indico.un.org/e/wp7/ddp-67th-2020.html> 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-67th-2020.html>.

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 - (d) Walnut kernels – poster;
 - (e) Cashew kernels – poster;
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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.2/2020/1)

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 progress on collaboration with the UNECE's nexus group on the sustainable use of natural resources, presented at the last meeting.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2019/2)

(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

Prunes

The Specialized Section is invited to review the revised recommendation as extended by the Working Party in November 2019 for trial period for another year and the new proposals submitted by the Rapporteur (France).

Documentation: Recommendation for Prunes (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/3)

4. Development of new standards

(a) Inshell Pecans

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a standard for pecan nuts (inshell and kernels). The Specialized Section is invited to review the new draft standard on inshell pecans, proposed by the delegation from Germany.

Documentation: Draft Standard for inshell pecans (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/4)

(b) Pecan kernels

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a standard for pecan nuts (inshell and kernels). The Specialized Section is invited to review the new draft standard on pecan kernels, proposed by the delegation from Germany.

Documentation: Draft Standard for pecan kernels (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/5)

(c) Dried persimmons

The Specialized Section is invited to review a proposal to develop a new standard for dried persimmons, submitted by the Central Asian Working Group.

Documentation: Proposal to develop a new standard for dried persimmon (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/6)

(d) Apricot kernels

The Specialized Section is invited to review a proposal to develop a new standard for apricot kernels, submitted by the Central Asian Working Group.

Documentation: Proposal to develop a new standard for apricot kernels (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/7)

(e) Inshell peanuts and peanut kernels

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section discussed the possibility of developing a standard for peanuts and decided to postpone further work. The delegation from Tajikistan proposes to review its position and consider the Tajik's delegation's proposal to develop new standards for inshell peanuts and peanut kernels.

Documentation: Proposal to develop a new standard for peanuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/8)

5. Results of the impact assessment survey in Central Asia.

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section requested the secretariat to prepare, together with UNDP Uzbekistan and the collaborating donor agencies (Hilfswerk Austria and GIZ), an impact assessment of the work in Central Asia in recent years. This assessment was launched in December 2019 to survey the concrete impact achieved during the past years, including

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.

inflowing investment, trade, export, adoption and use of standards, increased employment and income generation. The Specialized Section is invited to review the results of the survey.

Documentation: Results of the impact assessment survey in Central Asia
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/9)

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

At its 2019 session, the Working Party agreed to the decision by the Specialized Section to review the proposed sampling plan at a dedicated workshop. Once validated by the Specialized Section, the sampling plan will be resubmitted for adoption to the Working Party.

Documentation: Sampling plan for tree nuts and dried produce and guidelines for inspections of dry and dried produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2019/20)

Sampling plan - illustrative guide explanatory text
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2019/21)

7. Revision of the Standard Layout

At its 2019 Session, the Specialized Section decided to align the updates of the Standard Layout with the recently updated UNECE Standard Layout for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. The Specialized Section is invited to review and comment on the UNECE Dry and Dried Produce Standard Layout.

Documentation: Proposals to amend the UNECE Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2020/10)

8. Explanatory materials

(a) Dried apricots – explanatory brochure

At its 2019 session, the Working Party agreed to re-submit the draft explanatory brochure for dried apricots prepared by the delegation from Tajikistan for further clarifications on photos and interpretative text. The Specialized Section is invited to review the updated guide.

(b) Dried figs – poster

The Specialized Section is invited to review the updated version of the poster for dried figs prepared in inter sessional work by the delegation from Turkey.

(c) Dried grapes – poster

The Specialized Section is invited to review the updated version of the poster for dried grapes prepared in inter sessional work by the delegation from Turkey.

(d) Walnut kernels – poster

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section reviewed the explanatory guides for walnut kernels and provided recommendations. The Specialized Section is invited to review the updated version of the poster.

(e) Cashew kernels – poster

The Specialized Section is invited to review the new explanatory poster for cashew kernels prepared in inter sessional work by the delegation of the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC).

(f) Prunes - poster

At its 2019 session, the Specialized Section discussed the development of an explanatory poster on prunes. The Specialized Section is invited to review the draft poster.

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.2/2020/2)

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 15 June	10.30 – 13.00	Working group meetings (no interpretation)
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 1 – 4
Tuesday, 16 June	10:00 – 13.00	Items 5 – 6
	15.00 – 18.00	International training
Wednesday, 17 June	9.30 – 12.30	Items 7 – 12