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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/1)

2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present the developments regarding the Committee on Trade 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/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/16)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities taking place in their agencies that are of relevance to the work of the Section.

3. Information on the meetings of the Section in 2010

The Specialized Section will review the Rapporteurs' meeting on retail meat cuts held in France in October 2010.

Documentation: Report of the rapporteurs (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/2)

4. Proposal for new UNECE Standards

The Specialized Section will review the following the draft texts of the following standards and will decide on their submission to the Working Party for adoption.

(a) Horse meat – carcasses and cuts

The delegation of the Russian Federation will present the revised draft text of the new standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts. The Specialized Section will consider final amendments to the text if necessary.

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/3)

(b) Goose meat – carcasses and parts

The delegation of China will present the revised draft text of the new standard for goose meat – carcasses and parts. The Specialized Section will consider final amendments to the text if necessary.

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for goose meat – carcasses and parts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/4)

(c) Veal meat – carcasses and cuts

Delegations will consider the revised proposal for a new standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts. The Specialized Section will consider final amendments to the text if necessary.

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/5)

(d) Retail meat cuts

The delegation of the United States of America will present the revised draft text of a new UNECE standard for retail meat cuts, first part – beef cuts.

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for retail meat cuts
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/6)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2011/7)

5. Finalization of the UNECE Standard for Edible meat co-products

The Section was informed that several images were still missing in the Standard for Edible Meat Co-Products (adopted by the Working Party in 2008). At the 2010 session of the Section, the delegation of France had offered to finalize the document. Countries had been asked to review the document and send images to the secretariat. The Specialized Section is asked to consider the images and approve their inclusion into the final Standard.

6. Revision of existing UNECE Standards

At the 2010 session of the Specialized Section, delegates agreed that a revision phase was needed to update most of the Standards for meat to make them more relevant, comprehensible and user friendly for operators. Delegations were also asked to report at the next session on implementation and use of the standards. The Section is requested to decide which standards should be revised (Bovine meat, Caprine meat, Chicken meat, Duck meat, Edible meat co-products, Llama/alpaca meat, Ovine meat, Porcine meat, Turkey meat); if they could be grouped (e.g. bovine and ovine meat; chicken and turkey meat, etc.); who would act as Rapporteur(s); and where working group meetings would take place. The Specialized Section is requested to prepare a schedule listing responsible delegations; (Rapporteur(s)); venues and dates.

7. Other business

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

8. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work.

9. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its nineteenth session, the group elected Mr. Ian King (Australia) as its Chairperson and Mr. Craig Morris (United States) as its Vice-Chairperson.

10. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

III. Tentative timetable

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