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Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

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Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, together with an international seminar on meat entitled “public meets/meats private”

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present developments at the level of the ECE, the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards as well as 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.7/2014/2)

(b) Other organizations

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

3. Meat seminar (28 September 2015)

Under this item, the Specialized Section will discuss the outcome of the meat seminar held on 28 September 2015.

4. Proposals for new UNECE Standards

(a) List of examples - processed poultry meat including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products

The Specialized Section will review the proposed list of examples to be added to the Standard for Processed Poultry Meat, including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products (Rapporteur – United States of America).

Documentation: Draft List of Examples - UNECE Standard for Processed Poultry Meat, including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/3)

(b) Processed bovine meat products

The Specialized Section will review the proposed draft standard for Processed Bovine Meat (Rapporteur – United States of America).

Documentation: Draft UNECE Standard for Processed Bovine Meat Products, (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/4)

5. Amendments to UNECE Standards

The Specialized Section will review and decide on the adoption of the following:

(a) Deer meat – illustrations and photos

Background documentation: UNECE Draft Standard for Deer meat (www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/standard/meat/e/DeerMeat-2013_E.pdf)

(b) Edible meat co-products

Documentation: Draft revised UNECE Standard for Edible Meat Co-Products (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/5)

(c) Bovine meat – carcasses and cuts

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat-Carcasses and Cuts (2014) (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/5)

Proposals to amend the UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat-Carcasses and Cuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/6)

6. Eating quality

At the 2014 session of the Specialized Section it was agreed that a special working group would develop a draft proposal on a possible development of a collaborative way to collect and record information on the development and keeping of protocols or procedures and data under the auspices of UNECE in the area of research into meat eating quality. Proposals developed by a working group (coordinated by the delegation of Poland) will be presented at this session.

Documentation: Eating quality – proposals by the working group (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/7)

7. Food waste and standards

At the November 2014 session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards and given the increasing concerns about food waste in many countries, the Working Party recommended that all Specialized Sections of the Working Party consider if this topic would be appropriate for their work.

8. Future work

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

9. Other business

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

10. Election of officers

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

11. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2015/2).

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 28 September	15.00 – 18.00	International Seminar on Meat “Public Meets/Meats Private”
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