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Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

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Geneva, 29-31 August 2016

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 seminar on meat entitled “Meat 2016: Updates, Trends and New Developments” (29 August pm) as well as a meeting of the Scientific Reference Group on Eating Quality (29 August am)**

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** The program of the international seminar as well that of the eating quality meeting will be made available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41423#/>

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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.11/2016/1)

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/CTCS/WP.7/2015/2)

(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 (29 August 2016)

Under this item, the Specialized Section will discuss the outcome of the meat seminar held on 29 August 2016.

4. Proposals for new UNECE Standards

Co-products from Slaughter and Processing

The Specialized Section will review the proposed new Standard for Co-products from Slaughter and Processing presented by the Rapporteur (Russian Federation).

Documentation: Co-products from slaughter and processing
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2016/3)

5. Amendments to UNECE Standards

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

(a) Deer Meat – illustrations and photos

Delegations are invited to review the illustrations and photos presented by the Rapporteur (Russian Federation).

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Deer Meat – illustrations and photos
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2016/4)

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

(b) Edible Meat Co-products – illustrations and photos

Delegations are invited to review the illustrations and photos presented by the Rapporteurs (France, United States).

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Edible Meat Co-products - illustrations and photos
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2016/5)

(c) Retail Meat Cuts – lamb and veal

Delegations are invited to review the proposed additions (lamb and veal) to the UNECE Standard for Retail Meat cuts presented by the Rapporteur (United States).

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Retail Meat Cuts – lamb and veal
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2016/6)

(d) Eggs and Egg Products

Delegations are invited to review the amendments presented by the Rapporteur (United States).

Documentation: Amendments to the UNECE Standards for Eggs and Egg Products
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2016/7)

6. Eating quality

At the 2014 session of the Specialized Section it was agreed to establish a discussion group on eating quality within the current Specialized Section structure to discuss relevant items. The group, headed by Poland as Rapporteur, will report on progress made and outline proposals developed by the discussion group.

Documentation: Eating quality – proposals by the discussion group
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2016/8)

7. Food waste and standards

At its November 2015 session, the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards took note of the Specialized Sections' report on the subject and decided to organize in November 2016 an international conference on food loss and food waste. Delegations are invited to contribute to this event and the on-going discussions.

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-fourth 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.11/2016/2).

III. Tentative timetable

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| Monday, 29 August | 10.00 – 13.00 | Eating Quality – Meeting of the Scientific Reference Group on Eating Quality |
| | 15.00 – 18.00 | International Seminar on Meat “Meat 2016: updates, trends and new developments” |
| Tuesday, 30 September | 10.00 – 13.00 | Items 1 – 5 |
| | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 5 (cont.) - 6 |
| Wednesday, 31 August | 10:00 – 13:00 | Items 7 - 11 |