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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat  
12th Session, 6-9 May 2003, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELVTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday, 6th May 2003\*

1. **Adoption of the agenda** TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/1
  
2. **Matters of interest from**
  - (a) - UNECE TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/2
    - Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development
    - Working Party on Agricultural Quality standards
    - Working Party on Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs
  
  - (b) - Other organizations dealing with standardization of meat and meat products
  
3. **Draft UNECE Standard for Chicken Carcasses and Parts**
  - (a) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/3
  - (b) Chapter 5: Parts/ Cuts descriptions TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/10\*\*

4. **UNECE Standard for Ovine Carcasses and Cuts**
  - (a) Publication issues
  - (b) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding
  - (c) Chapter 5: Cuts descriptions

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/4  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/5\*\*
5. **Editorial revision/ correction of UNECE Standard for Bovine Carcasses and Cuts**
  - (a) Publication of a second edition
  - (b) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding
  - (c) Chapter 5: Cuts descriptions

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/6  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/7\*\*
6. **Draft Revision of the UNECE Standard for Porcine Carcasses and Cuts**

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/8
7. **Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Llama Carcasses and Cuts**

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/11
8. **Information on preliminary work done on different species**
  - (a) Veal
  - (b) Turkey meat
  - (c) Goat meat
9. **Traceability**

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/9  
(United States)\*\*
10. **UNECE Mark for Meat**
11. **Operational Activities**
  - (a) Lithuania
  - (b) Russia
12. **Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section**
  - (a) Date and place
  - (b) Future work
13. **Preparation of the 59th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**
14. **Other business**
15. **Election of officers**
16. **Adoption of the report**

**Proposed timetable**

5 May	10.00 - 13.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
	15.00 - 18.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
6 May	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1-3
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 3
7 May	10.00 - 13.00	Item 3 - 4
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 4 - 5
8 May	10.00 - 13.00	Item 6 - 8
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 8 - 15
9 May	10.00 - 13.00	Item 16

\* On Monday 5 May 2003 the rapporteurs on Chicken Meat have the possibility to meet (with limited interpretation) to finalize texts. Groups that are interested in other subjects can also meet to discuss the draft documents.

\*\* This document number has been reserved because the paper had not been received/finalized by the secretariat at the time of the preparation of the agenda. It will either be distributed before the meeting in the original language only (if received up to 6 weeks before the session) or at the session as an informal paper (if received later). It will also be available on the homepage if sent in electronic format.

**ANNOTATIONS****Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/1

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

**Item 2: Matters of interest**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/2

The document sums up the outcome of the sixth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-eighth session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

The Specialized Section will also be informed about other relevant events in UNECE, the Working Party on Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs and other organizations dealing with standardization of meat and meat products

**Item 3: Draft UNECE Standard for Chicken Carcasses and Parts**

(a) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/3

(b) Chapter 5: Parts/ Cuts descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/10\*\*

The documents represent the result of the meeting of rapporteurs in Rennes, The text has been edited by the secretariat combining general requirements and chicken specific coding provisions. It is expected that the documents can be finalized at this session and proposed to the Working Party for adoption.

**Item 4: UNECE Standard for Ovine Carcasses and Cuts**

(a) Publication issues

The secretariat will inform delegations about possibilities to publish the standard.

(b) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/4

(c) Chapter 5: Cuts descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/5\*\*

The documents are based on the text that was adopted by the Working Party at its 58<sup>th</sup> session. The text was edited by the secretariat for publication. A number of editorial issues are highlighted and should be resolved before the standard is published.

**Item 5: Editorial revision/ correction of UNECE Standard for Bovine Carcasses and Cuts**

(a) Publication of a second edition

The secretariat will inform delegations about possibilities to publish a second edition of the standard. The secretariat will also demonstrate the internet version of the standard.

(b) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/6

(c) Chapter 5: Cuts descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/7\*\*

The text has been edited by the secretariat to align it with the format which is proposed for all UNECE meat standards. A number of errors were corrected and some editorial issues are highlighted and should be resolved before publication of the second edition. It is not intended to discuss a revision of the contents of this standard at this session.

**Item 6: Draft Revision of the UNECE Standard for Porcine Carcasses and Cuts**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/8

The secretariat has received a draft document on the revision of the porcine standard from the United Kingdom. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss how to proceed with the revision of this standard.

**Item 7: Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Llama Carcasses and Cuts**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/11

The secretariat has received a draft for a UNECE Standard for Llama carcasses and cuts from Bolivia. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss how to proceed with this proposal.

**Item 8: Information on preliminary work done on different species**

The Specialized Section will be informed about any preliminary work done concerning the development of standards for veal, turkey meat and goat meat.

**Item 9: Traceability**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/9 (United States)\*\*

A document on this issue is expected from the United States. Any other work regarding traceability can be discussed under this agenda item.

**Item 10: UNECE Mark for Meat**

Background document: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/11

The secretariat will report on discussions with the legal services of the United Nations concerning the proposal from Australia.

At the last session it had also been decided that each country would indicate to the secretariat a list of authorities which are recognized by the Government to certify conformity with the UNECE standard. Countries should also indicate any authorities of other countries that they recognize to certify conformity with the UNECE standard. The lists will be published on the UNECE home page. Up to now no such information has been received.

**Item 11: Operational Activities**

The secretariat will inform delegations about planned operational activities in Lithuania and Russia. Lithuania will adopt the UNECE Bovine Standard and is interested in training courses concerning its application. The Russian Federation has invited the Specialized Section to contribute to a seminar on meat cutting in Moscow.

**Item 12: Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section**

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss under this agenda item dates and places of the next meetings of rapporteurs and the priorities for future work.

The Russian Federation has also offered to host a meeting of rapporteurs on chicken meat in Moscow in September.

**Item 13: Preparation of the 59th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

Any proposal brought to the attention of the Working Party can be discussed under this item.

**Item 14: Other business**

Any other subject can be discussed under this item.

**Item 15 Election of officers**

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its eleventh session the Group elected Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) as its Chairman and Mr. I. King (Australia) as its Vice-Chairman.

**Item 16 Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its twelfth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

**NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:**

Contributions should be sent to the secretariat either on diskette by mail to :

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Meeting documentation will be available on our homepage:

<http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.htm>

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