

**Seventy-seventh session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7)
of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Geneva, 14-16 November 2022 (hybrid)**

Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the adoption of the report in session

Agenda item	Decision	Document (LINK)
1.	The Working Party adopted the revised provisional agenda as contained in document ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/1/Rev.1 without modifications.	Revised annotated provisional agenda (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/1/Rev.1) https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_01_Rev.1_E.pdf
2.	The Working Party took note of the information provided by partner organizations.	Information on recent activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies on quality standards for fruits and vegetables (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/INF.3) https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_INF.3.pdf
3.	The Working Party took note of the request by the Central Asian Working Group for practical trainings on methods and tools for inspection and sampling of fresh fruit and vegetables and of dry and dried produce.	Paragraph 22 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)
4.	The Working Party took note of the joint OECD-ECE study to assess the impact of agricultural quality standards on the trade of fruit and vegetables (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/INF.1). It requested the secretariat to publish the study jointly with OECD. The secretariat invited delegations to submit any comments on the study by 15 December 2022.	Results of the study: Impacts of OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme and UNECE Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Standards on International Trade in Fresh Produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/INF.1): https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_INF.1.pdf
5.	The Working Party encouraged interested Governments to consider using the specifications [<i>functional specifications for an electronic certification system for fresh fruit and vegetables</i>] when developing or enhancing their IT systems.	Paragraph 30 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)
6.	The Working Party adopted the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the seventieth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2022/2) • Revised standard for asparagus (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/3) • Revised standard for cherries (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_GE.1_2022_2_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_03_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_04_E.pdf

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised standard for leafy vegetables (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/5) • Revised standard for pomegranates (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/6) • Certain small fruits (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/7) • Revisions to the explanatory brochure on the standard for persimmons (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_05_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_06_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_07_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_08_E.pdf
7.	<p>The Working Party adopted the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the sixty-ninth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2022/2) • Standard Layout for Standards on Dry and Dried Produce (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/9) • Standard for dried persimmons (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/10) • Standard for raw and roasted inshell peanuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/11) • Standard for raw and roasted peanut kernels (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/12) • Recommendation for inshell pecans (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/13), extended by one year • Recommendation for pecan kernels (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/14), extended by one year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_GE.2_2022_2_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_09_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_10_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_11_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_12_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_13_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_14_E.pdf
8.	<p>The Working Party adopted the Report of the forty-ninth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.6/2022/2).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/WP7_GE6_2022_2E_Report.pdf

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9.	<p>The Working Party adopted the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the thirtieth session of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2022/2) • Alignment of the Economic Commission for Europe standards and the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/17) • Proposal for how Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System codes could be included in the Economic Commission for Europe Standard for Bovine Meat – Carcasses and Cuts (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_GE.11_2022_02_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_17_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_18_E.pdf
10.	<p>The Working Party took note of the hands-on guidance material developed on a pilot basis for four groups of fresh fruit and vegetables (floral vegetables; immature fruit vegetables; leafy vegetables; and root vegetables) to help increase the uptake and use of the Code of Good Practice. It requested the secretariat to finalize and publish the hands-on guidance material, along with the Code of Good Practice in the three official ECE languages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_19_E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_INF.2.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/GE.1_2022_3E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/GE.1_2022_4E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/GE.1_2022_5E.pdf • https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/GE.1_2022_6E.pdf
11.	<p>The Working Party took note of the cross-cutting theme of the seventieth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, to be held on 18 and 19 April 2023 under the theme “Digital and Green Transformations for Sustainable Development in the Region of the Economic Commission for Europe”. It requested the Bureau to discuss how the Working Party and its subsidiary bodies can contribute to the theme and invited delegations to send proposals to the secretariat by 15 January 2023.</p>	<p>Paragraph 67 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)</p>

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12.	<p>The Working Party decided to include the following items in its future work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of work in Specialized Sections • Continued work on food loss and waste/SDG 12 • Capacity-building in Central Asia, in response to the request by CAWG [Central Asian Working Group] • E-quality: encouraging Governments to use the functional specification • Review of the Terms of Reference and Working Procedures of the Working Party <p>The delegation of Brazil suggested to discuss the issue of HS codes and the difficulty to access data on product level as data on fresh and dried fruit were under the same HS code. The Working Party agreed that this issue could be brought to discussion in Specialized Sections.</p>	Paragraphs 68 and 69 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)
13.	The Working Party adopted the programme of work of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards for 2023 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/20).	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/ECE_CTCS_WP.7_2022_20_E.pdf
14.	The Working Party decided to set up an open working group consisting of Brazil, Poland, Spain, and the United States of America, to review the Terms of Reference and Working Procedures and prepare a proposal for discussion in the Specialized Sections, followed by consideration by the Working Party at its seventy-eighth session in November 2023.	Paragraph 74 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)
16.	The delegations elected Ms. Agnieszka Sudol (Poland) as Chair and Mr. Bucky Gwartney (United States of America) as Vice-Chair.	Paragraph 77 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)
17.	The Working Party adopted the report of its seventy-seventh session (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2) in session.	Paragraph 78 of the report of the seventy-seventh session of WP.7 (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2022/2)