



Economic Commission for Europe

Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards

Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Thirty-first session

Geneva, 28 and 29 August 2023

Item 7 of the provisional agenda

Discussion on the possible development of a livestock language**National Bovine Livestock Language Guidelines of Australia****Submitted by the delegation of Australia**

At the 2022 session of the Specialized Section, the delegation of Australia provided an update of the work to develop National Bovine Livestock Language Guidelines of Australia.¹ The guidelines, which had been developed through a consultative process, would work as a voluntary standard, providing a harmonized language for describing live cattle.

The Specialized Section decided to initiate a discussion on the possible development of guidelines for livestock language based on the experience of Australia and to include it in its agenda for 2023.

The Specialized Section is invited to consider if it would be desirable to develop a livestock language under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

¹ The National Bovine Livestock Language Guidelines of Australia can be accessed at:
https://www.ausmeat.com.au/media/1521/mla-national-livestock-guidelines-2022-web_final_291122.pdf.