WORKING PARTY ON AGRICULTURAL QUALITY STANDARDS (WP.7)
Meetings and output under WP.7

Specialized Sections on Standardization of
  • **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables** (2 sessions)
  • **Seed potatoes** (1 session; 2 technical meetings, Australia and Finland)
  • **Dry and Dried Produce** (2 sessions, 1 hosted by Turkey in Izmir).
  • **Meat** (1 session September 2014 and meat symposium September 2015 next session with 2\textsuperscript{nd} meat symposium on quality/food safety/public/private)

**Total number of revised/new standards:**
  - in 2014: 20
  - in 2015: 18

**Total number of new guides (printed):** 2
  • UNECE Guide to Potato Diseases, Pests and Damages
  • Explanatory Brochure for Inshell walnuts
Tendencies, impact, achievements

1. Increase in participation from 2011 to 2014
   - GE.1 increase of 42 %FFV
   - DDP more than tripled the number of participants
   - GE.11 quadrupled the number of participants
   - WP.7 steady
   - GE.6 steady with many technical meetings

2. New countries on regular basis

3. New areas of work: eating quality; food waste; traceability

4. Strengthened and new partnerships with Codex, OECD, EU, UNDP, ITC and donor agencies
   - UNECE’s standards used worldwide by governments (emerging exporting countries use UNECE standards at export and import control stage and to train farmers in quality production, trade and retailers) – sometimes only global reference standard (e.g. seed potatoes or cashew nuts) or as basis for product quality requirements based on UNECE standards
   - Over past 8 years trained over 1600 participants in the use and scope of our standards and related inspection procedures.
   - At 2015 ECE Commission – nuts and dried fruit exhibition – one of the most successful side events organized.
Dried Fruit and Nuts Expo
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Capacity-building and promotion

2013/2014: Agri-food component of the trade facilitation roadmap for Greece TA project
Capacity-building and promotion

UNDA project “Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains” Western Balkan region, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia.

• organized **training on meat supply chains** (Geneva, September 2014)

• organized **training on cross-border trade in nuts and dried fruit** (Izmir, Turkey, July 2015)

• prepared **case study** (Business Process Analysis) on the export of **dried apricots** (Tajikistan)

• preliminary work on **agricultural reference and training web site**.

Upcoming activities include:

• training in Asia, October 2015 (by UNESCAP)

• 2016 workshops on cross-border trade of fresh fruit and vegetables (Western Balkan, Central Asia)
Capacity-building and promotion

Business process analysis: export of dried apricot
Capacity-building and promotion

Under the Russian Voluntary Fund 2014-2015:

• Workshop on “Agricultural quality standards, food safety and traceability", Moscow, Russian Federation, March 2014

• Explanatory Brochure for Persimmons developed (for print in end 2015)

• Technical study on traceability in food sector developed by Russian Research Institute for Poultry Procession Industry. Implemented as operational pilot system at poultry processing enterprise in Russian Federation.

• 4 seed potato guides developed (1 printed- 1 print-ready, 2 in final stage)

• Breeding and testing of new soybean varieties – Russian/Swiss collaboration.
Priorities

• Working in sync with the SDGs and particularly
  – Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
  – Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
  – Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

• Cross-cutting themes including food waste and traceability
MEETING DATES 2015/2016:

Working Party: 2 to 4 November 2015
International Conference on Traceability of Agricultural Produce/Food: 3 November 2015

Specialized Sections
Seed Potatoes: 29 February to 2 March 2016
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables: 18 to 21 April 2016
Dry and Dried Produce: 27 to 29 June 2016
Meat: 23 to 26 May 2016
Working Party: 9 to 11 November 2016

Thank You

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