Agri-Food Supply Chains in Cross-Border Trade of Nuts and Dried Fruit

Quality--Food Safety--Business Processes--Markets

Izmir – Turkey--1 to 3 July 2015--Hotel Hilton

Ministry of Economy of Turkey
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Aegean Exporters’ Association
THE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 1 July 2015

9:00 - 9:30  Registration

9:30  Opening

Welcome and Opening address by host country speaker

**Introduction: The workshop on cross-border agri-food trade**
Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (Head, Agricultural Standards Unit, UNECE)

**Introduction: Analysis of cross-border supply chains – Business Process Analysis**
Mr. Salehin Khan (Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE)

10:30  Coffee break

10:45  Session 1 - Cross-border agri-food supply chains – nuts and dried fruit

**Overview – international trade in nuts and dried fruit**
Mr. Giuseppe Calcagni (INC Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Scientific and Government Affairs Committee, and Chairman of the Statistics Committee).

**Turkey’s dry and dried fruit - sectoral outlook**
Mr. Nejat ALMIŞ (Aegean Exporters’ Association)

**Overview Case studies:** industry, export markets, future prospects, international projects

**Central Asia**
Mr. Sherzod Akbarov, Head, Economic Governance Unit
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Uzbekistan

**Ukraine**
Ms. Elena Ivchenko Ukraine Director of the Ukrainian Walnut Association

**Afghanistan**
Mr. Ahmad Zia SAYD (CEO of TABESH Higher Education Institute, Afghanistan)

13:00  Lunch break
Wednesday 1 July 2015 afternoon

14:30 Session 2: International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce – Quality and Food safety requirements for trade

Quality legislation and requirements for nuts and dried fruit
- UNECE Marketing standards
  Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab (UNECE)
- EU practice
  Mr. Istvan Ecsedi (Head of Department, National Food-Chain Safety Office, Hungary)
- US Practice
  Mr. Jeremiah Szabo (Food Safety & Commodity Manager, DFA of California, USA)

Interpretation and application of quality standards
- Quality Inspections at Export Stage for Dry and Dried Produce – the Turkish Practice
  Mr. Emre Kiricioğlu (Product Inspector, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)
- UNECE Standard for walnuts
  Presenter (tbc)

Food safety issues in the international trade of nuts and dried fruit
- Mycotoxins, Codes of Practice, Codex Standards,
  Ms. Betül Vazgeçer (Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey)

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Session 3: From farm to point of export - Business process analyses (BPAs) and prioritized action implementation
- BPAs and their methodology
- Organizing BPAs on country level
- Case study: Dried Apricots in Tajikistan (BPA 2015)
- Analysis of shortcomings and ways to improve particular priority food supply chains
  Ms. Nozigul Khushvakhtova (former UNECE consultant, Tajikistan) and
  Mr. Salehin Khan (UNECE)
Thursday 2 July 2015 (all day)

Study tour and practical training

Erbeyli Fig Research Institute

Processing companies

with practical demonstrations of sampling plan trials and inspections at point of shipment (export) and point of destination (import) conducted by Turkish and international inspectors.

Cultural visits
Friday 3 July 2015

9:30  
**Session 4 – International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce - Institutional and technical issues**

Quality inspection systems - legal and technical infrastructure.  - Objectives, functions, organization of inspection services

- Overview on how quality and food safety inspection systems are organized and work in EU countries
  Mr. Istvan Ecsedi (Hungary)

- The Use of IT systems in export and import control systems (example Turkey)
  Mr. Korkut Yavuz (Chief of Section, DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Economy, Turkey)

10:30  
Coffee break

**Links between inspection systems and control agencies**
SPS Inspections at Export Stage for Dry and Dried Produce Turkey
Mr. Hüseyin Çiftçi (Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey)

**Interpretation of quality standards – Sampling**
Overview of sampling and testing for the application of quality and conformity by inspection services
Ms. Ulrike Bickelmann (Head of Inspection Service Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE), Germany)

**Interpretation of quality standards – OECD explanatory guides**
Ms. Marie Russel (Senior Program Officer, OECD)

12:30  
Lunch break
Friday 3 July 2015 afternoon

14:00  Session 5 - The way forward – linking into supply chains – issues beyond standards and regulatory requirements

Quality management, export readiness and marketing

Marketing issues: export markets, marketing, and consumers – the example of dried grapes from Turkey
Mr. Cihat Koç (Sector representative, Aegean Exporters’ Association)

Quality production and management before export
- Know your market
- Quality management and training in companies
- Quality, storage and supply chains
Mr. Dorian LaFond (International Standards Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture- USDA)

15:00  Coffee Break

Pre-export quality, production and management (overview)
Dried Figs
Dried Apricots
Prof. Dr. Mrs. Uygun AKSOY (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department for Horticulture)

16:30  Closing of the workshop – Wrap-up and next steps
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