THE PROGRAMME

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

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10:00 – Opening Address
- Welcome and Opening address by host country speaker
- Introduction: The workshop on cross-border agri-food trade

Session 1 - Cross-border agri-food supply chains – nuts and dried fruit
- Overview – international trade in nuts and dried fruit – industry perspective
- Case studies and updates – Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)
- Case studies and updates – other countries (China and Ukraine)

14:30 - Session 2: International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce – Quality and Food safety requirements for trade
- UNECE Marketing standards – from development, amendment to adoption – quality requirements for nuts and dried fruit
- How are international standards and best practice implemented at national level?
14:30 - Session 2: International standards and best practice to increase cross-border trade in agricultural produce – Quality and Food safety requirements for trade (cont.)

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

- Overview on how quality and food safety inspection systems are organized (EU regulations, export controls)
- Use of IT systems in export and import control systems (example Turkey)

- Discussion - Food safety issues in the international trade of nuts and dried fruit – EU market quality and safety requirements for nuts and dried fruit – experiences, controls, procedures
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Study tour and practical training

• Explanation of the provisions of UNECE standards

• Practical demonstrations, grading, trials and inspections conducted by international inspectors.

• Visit of the “Uzkurgazmasavdo” exhibition center (Fair on dried and fresh fruit and vegetables produced in Uzbekistan)

• Visit of the local market of fresh and dried fruits
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10:00 – Session 3: From farm to point of export - Business process analyses (BPAs) and prioritized action implementation

Analysis of shortcomings and ways to improve particular priority food supply chains - BPAs and their methodology

BPAs – introduction

• Case study: Dried Apricots in Tajikistan (BPA 2015) and follow-up
• Case study: Dried Grapes in Uzbekistan (BPA 2016)

BPAs - Paperless trade and e-certificates

Session 4 – The way forward – linking into supply chains – issues beyond standards and regulatory requirements

Walnuts - successful walnut value chains with practical recommendations for producers (China with contributions from UNECE)
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14:00 - Session 4 – The way forward – linking into supply chains – issues beyond standards and regulatory requirements (cont.)

Quality production and management before export

- Organizing export sectors
- Quality management and training in companies
- Public-Private cooperation

Marketing issues: export markets, marketing, and consumers

- Quality management, export readiness and marketing
- Quality production and management before export

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

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