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Provisional agenda and annotations*

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva together with an International Symposium on meat entitled "Meet-Meat the challenge"

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present developments at the level of the ECE, the Committee on Trade and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Report of the Working Party
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2013/2)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities taking place in their agencies or countries that are of relevance to the work of the Section.

3. Outcome of the Meat symposium (29 September 2014)

Under this item, the Specialized Section will discuss the outcome of the meat symposium and the possible integration into its future programme of work of proposals arising from the symposium.

4. Proposals for new UNECE Standards

Processed poultry meat including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products

The Specialized Section will review and decide on the adoption of the proposed draft standard for Processed Poultry Meat, including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products (Rapporteur United States of America).

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for Processed Poultry Meat, including ready-to-cook preparations and ready-to-eat products
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/3)

5. 2014 Amendments to UNECE Standards

The Specialized Section will review and decide on the adoption of proposed texts.

(a) Deer meat – illustrations and photos

(b) Edible Meat Co-Products

Documentation: Draft revised UNECE Standard for Edible Meat Co-Products
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/4)

(c) Bovine Meat – Carcasses and Cuts

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat – Carcasses and Cuts (2013)
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/5)

6. Periodic revision of existing UNECE Standards

At the 2010 session of the Specialized Section, delegates agreed to revise Standards periodically to make them more relevant, comprehensible and user-friendly for operators. The Specialized Section is requested to decide whether the standards for duck and goose meat should be revised; who would act as Rapporteur(s); and where working group meetings could take place.

- Goose meat - carcasses and parts (adopted 2011)
- Duck meat - carcasses and parts (adopted 2008)

7. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work.

8. Other business

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

9. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its twenty-second session, the group elected Mr. Ian King (Australia) as Chairperson, and Mr. Craig Morris (United States) as Vice-Chairperson.

10. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2014/2).

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 29 September	10.00 – 18.00	International Symposium on Meat “Meet-Meat the challenge”
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