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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Sixty-fourth session
Geneva, 3-6 November 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The meeting of the Working Party will start at 10:00 on Monday 3 November and finish at 13:00 on Thursday 6.¹ Tuesday morning is reserved for a joint WP.6/WP.7 session on private standards.

Preliminary timetable		
Monday, 3 November	10:00 – 18:00	Items 7(a), 8
Tuesday, 4 November	10:00 – 13:00	Item 1, Private standards. Joint session with WP.6
	15:00 – 18:00	Items 2, 3, 4
Wednesday, 5 November	10:00 – 13:00	Items 4, 5
	15:00 – 18:00	Items 6, 7(b), 9-12
Thursday, 6 November	10:00 – 13:00	Item 13

¹ Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations should complete the registration form, downloadable from <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.htm> and transmit it to the secretariat either by e-mail (alissa.mayor@unece.org) or by fax ((41) 22 917 06 29). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais (in case of a problem, please call 022 917 12 65). Documents for the meeting and information for Geneva visitors are available at the website mentioned above.

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II. ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/1)

Item 2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) Revised terms of reference and working procedures

The delegations will discuss revised terms of reference and working procedures for the Working Party, which are for approval.

Documentation: Terms of reference (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/23)
Working procedures (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/24)

(b) Recent developments in other organizations

The delegations will be informed about the activities of other organizations active in the area of agricultural quality standards.

Items 3 - 6

The chairpersons of the specialized sections will present their work since the 2007 meeting of the Working Party. The Working Party will decide on the proposed texts and on other issues concerning its work.

Item 3. Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

The Specialized Section submitted the amended Standard for approval by the Working Party.

Documentation: Report of the thirty-eighth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.6/2008/9)
Standard on seed potatoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/2)

Item 4. Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Documentation: Report of the fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2008/6)

(a) Revised Standard Layout for UNECE standards on fresh fruit and vegetables

The Specialized Section revised the text of the Standard Layout and recommended that the Working Party adopt it as a new Standard Layout.

Documentation: Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/3)

(b) Texts for adoption as revised UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on early and ware potatoes, apples, pears, lettuce, avocados, tomatoes and cucumbers for adoption as revised UNECE standards.

Documentation: Early and Ware Potatoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/4)
Apples (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/5)
Pears (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/6)
Lettuce (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/7)
Avocados (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/8)
Tomatoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/9)
Cucumbers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/10)

(c) Texts for adoption as UNECE recommendations

The Specialized Section submitted the revised texts on apricots, and peaches and nectarines for adoption as recommendations for trial use until the end of 2009.

Documentation: Apricots - revised (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/11)
Peaches and nectarines - revised (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/12)

Item 5. Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

Documentation: Report of the fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2008/6)

(a) Revised Standard Layout for UNECE standards on dry and dried produce

The Specialized Section revised the text of the Standard Layout and recommended that the Working Party adopt it as a new Standard Layout.

Documentation: Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/13)

(b) Texts for adoption as new/revised UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on dried peaches, pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels, and inshell walnuts for adoption as new/revised UNECE standards.

Documentation: Dried peaches - new (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/14)
Pistachio kernels and peeled pistachio kernels - new
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/15)
Inshell walnuts - revised (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/16)

(c) Texts for adoption/extension as UNECE recommendations

The Specialized Section submitted the revised texts on blanched almond kernels and hazelnut kernels for trial use until the end of 2009, and the new texts on inshell macadamia nuts and macadamia kernels for trial use until the end of 2010.

Documentation: Blanched almond kernels - extension (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/17)
Hazelnut kernels - extension (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/18)
Inshell macadamia nuts - new (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/19)
Macadamia kernels - new (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/20)

Item 6. Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Documentation: Report of the seventeenth session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/8)

(a) Texts for adoption as new UNECE standards

The Specialized Section submitted the amended texts on edible meat co-products and duck meat – carcasses and parts for adoption as new UNECE standards.

Documentation: Edible meat co-products (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/21)
Duck meat (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/22)

Item 7. Interpretation of UNECE Standards**(a) UNECE explanatory brochure for sweet peppers**

Delegations will consider revisions to the Standard for Sweet Peppers, together with the explanatory text and illustrative photographs of the draft UNECE brochure.

Documentation: Standard for Sweet Peppers (FFV-28: Sweet peppers)
Draft brochure (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2008/5)

(b) Colour gauge for inshell walnuts and walnut kernels

The delegation of the United States of America will present a revised colour gauge for inshell walnuts and walnut kernels for approval by the Working Party.

Item 8. Concentration of agricultural quality standards work in UNECE

Delegates will discuss any outstanding issues related to the concentration of the OECD and UNECE activities in agricultural quality standards within UNECE.

Item 9. Capacity-building activities

The secretariat and delegations will exchange information on capacity-building, training and promotional and other activities that have taken place since the November 2007 session of the Working Party or are planned for the near future.

Item 10. Other business

Participants may wish to discuss any other issues of interest for the work of the Working Party.

Item 11. Future work

The Working Party will decide on its future work.

Item 12. Election of officers

The delegations will elect a Chairperson and vice-chairperson(s). At its 2007 session, the Working Party elected Ms. Viera Baričičová (Slovakia) as Chairperson and Ms. Niina Kauhajärvi (Finland) as Vice-Chairperson.

Item 13. Adoption of the report

The Working Party will adopt its report.