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STATUS OF PUBLICATIONS ON EXISTING STANDARDS*

Note by the secretariat

In this document the secretariat has collected some maintenance issues/questions concerning existing standards. The Specialized Section may wish to discuss these now with the aim of issuing a corrigendum to standards already published or decide to discuss them when the regular maintenance for the standards comes up three years after publication.

The secretariat suggests that during the session more corrections/amendments for the existing standards could be collected to begin the maintenance procedure.

* The present document has been submitted after the official documentation deadline by the Trade and Timber Division due to resource constraints.

1. Publication status

At the moment of writing this document, the UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat has been published in English, French and Russian.

The UNECE standards for Ovine Meat and Chicken Meat have been transmitted for layout and printing. They will be printed later in spring.

The UNECE Standard for Llama Meat is prepared for publication by the secretariat.

2. Possible amendments/ subjects to discuss

2.1 All standards

No amendments/subjects to discuss

2.2 UNECE Standard for Bovine

Amendments to Bovine standard will be collected in a Corrigendum.

2.2 UNECE Standard for Ovine

Layout for publication is finished. Amendments to the layout and final editorial revision will be carried out after approval from the Section. French and Russian versions will be finalized further completion of English version.

2.3 UNECE Standard for Chicken

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Requester	Section	Page	Description
UNECE	3.4	5	Refrigeration. Some temperatures for categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the table are -2.0C, while others are -1.5C. In Turkey standard they were all defined as -2.0C? Consistency?.
UNECE	3.5.2	6	Chicken category: Inconsistency. Category 4 specifies less than 4 months of age (app. 120 days), while Category 5 states more than 140 days. What happen within the interval between 120 and 140 days?.

UNECE	3.8	12	Chicken or batch identification...: A third party examines and certifies... Check with Turkey. Should this action be in chicken. Otherwise, correct Turkey.
UNECE	5.1	15	Piece weight. Shall sentence "Piece weight shall not include the weight of packaging materials" be included after first sentence.
UNECE	6	19-	Terminology: Use of the term section (Turkey) instead of segment (Chicken). Consistency between Chicken and Turkey Standards. Which term should be used?.
UNECE	6.3	22-49	Chicken Meat Parts: Missing pictures. There are a number of pictures which are missing (we haven't received them at the secretariat. In principle, if we cannot obtain such pictures, we should remove the boxes and keep only the Item number and the description. Do you agree on this?.

2.4 UNECE Standard for Turkey

Requester	Section	Page	Description
DJK	ackmt	6	Are the acknowledgements for this list of countries accurate? "Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, EAN Brazil, EAN International, European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, New Zealand, Poland, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay"
UNECE	3.4	10	Standard layout: Heading should not be modified. Keep "3.4 Refrigeration" instead "Refrigeration (Temperature Reduction)" or introduce change to other meat standards.
UNECE	3.5.3	11	Should word "diurnal" be included?. Turkeys from slow maturing breeds raised with specified low density indoors and outdoors with unrestricted diurnal outdoor access for at least half of their total life. The feed must contain at least 70% cereals and the turkeys must be a minimum age of 11 weeks prior to slaughter.
UNECE	3.7.1	14	Units of measure. Should this be specified?. See Chicken. See UNECE Recommendation 20. · Net weight in kilograms (kg) (and/or pounds (lb)?)
UNECE	5.6	19	Decimal point. Should this be included?, then 6 digits!. Units of measure?
UNECE	6	20	Swap columns Item and English (first column) to indicate more clearly how the table and descriptions are described. For decision.
UNECE	Annex II	36	Not sure. Clarify. 2. Use of the UNECE Turkey code in the EAN-UCC system

UNECE	Annex II	36	Not sure. Check with Specialized Section "The UNECE code defined in section 4.1 has been assigned the EAN-UCC Application Identifier (7002 7102)." Replace code 7002 by 7102.
UNECE	Annex II	36	What happened with Bar Coding examples provided by Tom Heiland in 2005, INF.3.?. Are they still valid?.
UNECE	6	21-	Use of the word section (Turkey) instead of segment (Chicken). Consistency between Chicken and Turkey Standards