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**Economic Commission for Europe****Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards****Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards****Specialized Section on Standardization  
of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables****Sixty-seventh session**

Geneva, 13-15 May 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Provisional agenda and annotations \***

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room VIII.

**I. Provisional agenda**

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  - (f) Annonas;
  - (g) Fresh figs;
  - (h) Onions;
  - (i) Root and tuber vegetables;

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- (j) Other standards.
- 4. Standard Layout for United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.
- 5. Sustainable Development Goal 12 and sustainable practices: food loss and food waste.
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- 7. Electronic quality certificates for fresh fruit and vegetables.
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## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

*Documentation:* Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/1)

### **2. Matters arising since the last session**

#### **(a) United Nations, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies**

The secretariat will present recent matters arising from the United Nations, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

*Documentation:* Report of the seventy-fourth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2018/2)

#### **(b) Recent developments in other organizations**

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

### **3. Revision of standards**

#### **(a) Citrus fruit**

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section reviewed and approved of several changes to the Standard for Citrus Fruit as part of a full review of the standard. The Specialized Section is invited to review the proposed changes and the provisions on minimum maturity requirements, as initiated in 2018. For ease of discussion, the document presents the text in separate parts for each species. In its final version, the parts will again be assembled in the current format of the Standard, as decided at the 2018 session.

*Documentation:* Revised Standard for Citrus Fruit (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/3)

## UNECE Standard for Citrus Fruit (FFV-14)

**(b) Cherries**

At its 2018 session, the Working Party did not adopt the proposed changes (minimum size) to the Standard for Cherries. The Working Party invited the Specialized Section to place this item on the agenda of its 2019 session for discussion.

*Documentation:* Proposed changes to the Standard for Cherries  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/4)

UNECE Standard for Cherries (FFV-13)

**(c) Broccoli**

At its 2018 session, the Working Party did not adopt the proposed changes (inclusion of new varieties longer than the current maximum size) to the Standard for Broccoli. The Working Party invited the Specialized Section to place this item on the agenda of its 2019 session for discussion.

*Documentation:* Proposed changes to the Standard for Broccoli  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/5)

UNECE Standard for Broccoli (FFV-48)

**(d) Cauliflowers**

At its 2018 session, the Working Party did not adopt the proposed changes (exemption of the varieties of sprouting cauliflower) to the Standard for Cauliflowers. The Working Party invited the Specialized Section to place this item on the agenda of its 2019 session for discussion.

*Documentation:* Proposed changes to the Standard for Cauliflowers  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/6)

UNECE Standard for Cauliflower (FFV-11)

**(e) Table grapes**

At its 2018 session, the Specialized Section postponed to the 2019 session discussions on labelling requirements for table grapes (name of variety; seedless/seeded; colour). In addition, the delegation of South Africa will present its findings on the impact of heat and drought caused by global warming on the berry stem condition and the colour of the grapes as an appropriate/reliable indicator for maturity.

*Documentation:* Proposals by the delegation of South Africa - Standard for Table Grapes  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/7)

UNECE Standard for Table Grapes (FFV-19)

**(f) Annonas**

The Specialized Section is invited to review the proposals by the German delegation on improving the current wording in the section on sizing tolerances in the Standard for annonas.

*Documentation:* Proposals by the delegation of Germany - Standard for Annonas  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/8)

UNECE Standard for Annonas (FFV-47)

**(g) Fresh figs**

The Specialized Section is invited to review the comments by Freshfel Europe on the inclusion of sizing provisions by weight in the Standard for Fresh figs.

*Documentation:* Comments by Freshfel Europe - Standard for Fresh Figs  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/9)

## UNECE Standard for Fresh Figs (FFV-17)

**(h) Onions**

The Specialized Section is invited to review the proposals by the German delegation to the Standard for onions.

*Documentation:* Proposals by the delegation of Germany - Standard for Onions (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/10)

UNECE Standard for Onions (FFV-25)

**(i) Root and tuber vegetables**

The Specialized Section is invited to review the comments by the German delegation on the Standard for Root and tuber vegetables.

*Documentation:* Comments by the delegation of Germany - Standard for Root and Tuber Vegetables (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/11)

UNECE Standard for Root and Tuber Vegetables (FFV-59)

**(j) Other standards**

Depending on the requests for revisions from delegations, the Specialized Section may wish to consider other standards.

*Documentation:* Proposals to amend UNECE standards (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/12)

**4. Standard Layout for United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

The Specialized Section is invited to continue the discussions on tolerances for decay in Extra Class; quality tolerances in Class II; uniformity in size when size is done by count as well as the use of size indication (metric/imperial).

Delegations are invited to send to the secretariat inspection information related to decay in Extra Class (a table for this purpose is annexed to the report of the 2018 session [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/meetings/ge.01/2018/GE1\\_2018\\_2E.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trade/agr/meetings/ge.01/2018/GE1_2018_2E.pdf))

*Documentation:* Standard Layout for UNECE standards on fresh fruit and vegetables

**5. Sustainable Development Goal 12 and sustainable practices: food loss and food waste**

The leader of the working group (Germany) will present the revised draft Minimum marketing quality guidelines for review and discussion by the Specialized Section.

The Specialized Section had also started working on a Code of Good Practice to help guide and ensure quality along the marketing and supply chain. The Rapporteur from Sweden on behalf of the working group will present the revised draft for review.

The secretariat will provide an update of activities related to the work of the Working Party and the secretariat on food loss and waste.

*Documentation:* Minimum marketing quality guidelines (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/13)

Draft code of good practice (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2019/14)

## **6. Inclusion of fresh fruit and vegetables in Annex 3 of the Agreement on International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP agreement)**

The secretariat of the UNECE's Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs (WP.11) will provide further details on the current discussions in WP.11 on the inclusion of fresh fruit and vegetables in Annex 3 of the Agreement on International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP agreement).

## **7. Electronic quality certificates for fresh fruit and vegetables**

The secretariat will update the Specialized Section on the electronic quality certificates and the collaboration with the relevant group of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

## **8. Promotion and capacity-building**

Delegations and the secretariat will provide information about their promotional and capacity-building activities and preview planned new events and training.

## **9. Other business**

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

## **10. Future work**

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

## **11. Election of officers**

The Specialized Section will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. At its sixty-fifth session, it elected Ms. Ulrike Bickelmann (Germany) as Chair and Mr. Cyril Julius (South Africa) as Vice-Chair.

## **12. Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

### **III. Tentative timetable**

Monday, 13 May	10:30 – 13:00	Working session (no interpretation)
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 1-3
Tuesday, 14 May	10:00 - 13:00	Items 3-5
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 5-9
Wednesday, 15 May	9:30- 12:30	Items 10-12