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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations*

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva¹.

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¹ The meeting will be held back-to-back with the sixty-sixth session of the Working Party (4-5 November 2010).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/5)

2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will inform delegates about the decisions that might be taken by the UNECE governing bodies having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

The Specialized Section will decide on keeping or removing the reference to "United Nations Economic Commission for Europe" at the top of the cover page of the standards.

(b) Other organizations

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

(c) Coordination of work between UNECE and OECD Scheme

The UNECE Support Group will report on the progress made in drawing up an MoU between UNECE and the OECD Scheme.

Documentation: [Guidelines for Draft-MoU](#) (INF.34, Informal document)

3. 2009 Standard Layout

The delegations will [review the use of English and French terms for different types of packages in the Standard Layout and in the standards.](#) ~~compare the English and the French versions of the Standard Layout to check how the English term "package" should be translated into French each time it appears in the text of the Standard Layout.~~ The document on the definitions of different types of packaging discussed by the Working Party at its session in 2005 should be used for discussion.

Documentation: 2009 Standard Layout

Presentation on types of packages

[Bureau proposals on changes to the Standard Layout \(INF.52\)](#)

[Comments by France on the Bureau proposals \(INF.52 with comments\)](#)

[Position of France on mixes and "packages" \(INF.59\)](#)

[EU statement on definitions \(INF.60\)](#)

[Proposal of the Netherlands on "packages" \(INF.62\)](#)

4. New standards

The delegations, having consulted with their industry, will review the texts of the new standards and will decide whether to submit them to the Working Party for approval. The delegations will decide on the inclusion of lambs lettuce, dandelions and edible leaves of other species in the Standard for Leafy Vegetables or on covering lambs lettuce in a separate standard.

Documentation: Fresh chilli peppers (post-session INF.4 of May 2010)

Shallots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/6, based on post-session INF.5 of May 2010)

Berry fruits (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/2, based on post-session INF.6 of May 2010)

[Berry fruits, proposals by Germany \(INF.53\)](#)

Leafy vegetables (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/3, based on post-session INF.10 of May 2010)

[Leafy vegetables, proposals by Germany \(INF.54\)](#)

Lambs lettuce (post-session INF.41 of November 2009)

5. Review of the texts of the standards aligned with the 2009 Standard Layout

The delegations, having consulted with their industry, will review the texts of the standards aligned with the Standard Layout at the May 2010 session of the Specialized Section and will decide whether to submit these standards to the Working Party for approval.

Documentation: Lettuces (Standard FFV-22, mixtures of species in Section V)

Citrus fruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/4, based on post-session INF.2 of May 2010)

Broccoli (post-session INF.8 of May 2010)

Mangoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/2)

[Mangoes, proposals by France \(INF.58\)](#)

Beans (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/7, based on post-session INF.17 of May 2010)

Carrots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/8, based on post-session INF.18 of May 2010)

Cucumbers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/9, based on post-session INF.19 of May 2010)

Cultivated mushrooms (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/10, based on post-session INF.20 of May 2010)

Garlic (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/11, based on INF.13 of May 2010)

Kiwifruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/12, based on post-session INF.21 of May 2010)

Melons (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/13, based on INF.12 of May 2010)

Onions (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/14, based on INF.14 of May 2010)

Plums (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/15, based on post-session INF.22 of May 2010)

Strawberries (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/16, based on post-session INF.23 of May 2010)

Table grapes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/17, based on post-session INF.24 of May 2010)

[Table grapes, proposals by France \(INF.57\)](#)

Bilberries/Blueberries (INF.28 of 2009)

Watermelons (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/18, based on INF.11 of May 2010)

Witloof chicory (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2010/3)

Pears (INF.33 of May 2010)

[Pears, proposals by New Zealand \(INF.63\)](#)

[Various standards, proposals by](#) Germany (INF.31 of May 2010)

6. Alignment of standards with 2009 Standard Layout

The Specialized Section will consider the texts of the standards aligned with the 2009 Standard Layout and substantive changes related to the alignment, as well as other changes, if requested by countries.

Documentation:

- Annonas (INF.35)
- Artichokes (INF.36)
- Aubergines (INF.37)
- Brussels sprouts (INF.38)
- Headed cabbages (INF.39)
- Cauliflowers (INF.40)
- Ceps (INF.41)
- Chinese cabbages (INF.42)
- Courgettes (INF.43)
- Edible sweet chestnuts (INF.44)
- Fennel (INF.45)
- Fresh figs (INF.46)
- Leeks (INF.47)
- Peas (INF.48)

Ribbed celery (INF.49)

Rhubarb (INF.50)

Truffles (INF.51)

[Asparagus \(INF.55\)](#)

7. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work. It will decide whether to recommend to the Working Party to start work on a glossary of terms used in UNECE standards.

8. Other business

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

9. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 1 November	09:00 - 13:00	Meetings of working groups: definitions of various types of packages, standard layout, standards for ...
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 1, 2, 3, 4
Tuesday, 2 November	10:00 - 13:00	Item 5
	15:00 - 18:00	Item 5 (cont'd)
Wednesday, 3 November	10:00 - 13:00	Item 6
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 6 (cont'd), 7, 8, 9, 10