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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations* **

Session to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 15:00 on Monday, 23 May.

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* This document was submitted late due to delayed inputs from other sources.

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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.1/2011/1)

2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will inform the delegations about any decisions that might be taken by the UNECE governing bodies that might have an impact on the work of the Specialized Section. The delegations will be asked to make proposals for revising the 1985 version of the Geneva Protocol based on the document prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation: 1985 version of Geneva Protocol
Proposals for revising Geneva Protocol (INF.1, Informal document)

(b) 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. Clarification of uniformity and marking provisions for mixtures

The delegations will discuss whether the indication of different types of produce and the quantity of each in mixtures, when the contents are not visible from the outside, should depend on the type of produce or the type of package.

4. Revision of UNECE standards

The delegations will decide on making the changes to standards proposed by countries in the process of aligning the texts with the 2010 Standard Layout. These changes will be presented in a summary document INF.2.

(a) Shallots

Provisions for externally visible sprouts (Poland).

(b) Early and ware potatoes

Aligning provisions for total tolerances with the Standard Layout (Poland).

- (c) **Plums**
Amendments to the list of varieties (Germany).
- (d) **Apples**
Amendments to the minimum requirements for pest damage (South Africa).
Amendments to the list of varieties (Germany).
- (e) **Pears**
Amendments to the list of varieties (South Africa).
- (f) **Table grapes**
Proposals to adjust maturity requirements (South Africa).
- (g) **Tomatoes**
Amendments to the minimum requirements for pest damage (South Africa).
- (h) **Citrus fruit**
Amendments to the minimum requirements for pest damage (South Africa).
- (i) **Fresh chilli and sweet peppers**
Proposal to merge the two standards (France).
Elimination of the provisions for pungency verification (France).
Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Fresh Chilli Peppers (post-session document INF.4 of May 2010)
- (j) **Cherries**
Uniformity in size (France).
- (k) **Sweet chestnuts**
Differentiation between sweet chestnuts and Japanese chestnuts and sizing by diameter (France).
Documentation: Standard for Sweet Chestnuts (informal document INF.3)
- (l) **Lambs lettuce**
Inclusion in the Standard for Leafy Vegetables (Germany).
- (m) **Mangoes**
Inclusion of mixed sizes/varieties in the standard.
- (n) **Other standards, upon request from countries**

5. Explanatory brochure for the standard on pineapples

The delegations will review the first draft of the UNECE brochure for pineapples together with the revision of the standard.

Documentation: Draft brochure
Standard for Pineapples (post-session document INF.15 of May 2010)

6. Glossary of terms

The delegation of France will present a glossary of terms used in the UNECE and Codex standards for fresh fruit and vegetables for consideration by the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Glossary of terms (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2011/2)

7. Promotion and capacity-building

The secretariat and the delegates will exchange information about promotion of UNECE standards and capacity-building activities.

8. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss its future activities.

9. Other business

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

10. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. At its fifty-eighth session it elected Ms. Ulrike Bickelmann (Germany) as Chair and Ms. Kristina Mattsson (Sweden) as Vice-Chair.

11. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

III. Tentative timetable

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| Monday, 23 May | 10:00 - 13:00 | Preparatory discussion on the draft Geneva Agreement and other items of the agenda |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Items 1,2,3,4 |
| Tuesday, 24 May | 10:00 - 13:00 | Item 4 |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Item 4 |
| Wednesday, 25 May | 10:00 - 13:00 | Items 4,5 |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Item 5 |
| Thursday, 26 May | 10:00 - 13:00 | Items 6-10 |
| | 15:00 - 18:00 | Informal discussion on the concept and layout of explanatory brochures |
| Friday, 27 May | 10:00 - 13:00 | Item 11 |