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### Committee on Trade

#### Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

##### Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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

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## **II. Annotations**

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

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

*Documentation:* Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/1)

### **2. Matters of interest since the last session**

#### **(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies**

The secretariat will present the developments regarding the Committee on Trade and the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

*Documentation:* Report of the Working Party (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/24)

#### **(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.

### **3. Revision of Standard Layout**

The Specialized Section will review a request by the delegation of France for a revision of the provision in the Standard Layout concerning the use of the crop year.

*Documentation:* Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/17)

#### **4. Review of UNECE Recommendations**

The Specialized Section will review the following Recommendations, which were adopted by the 2009 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2010.

**(a) Inshell Macadamia Nuts**

At its 2009 session the Working Party adopted the revised text of the Recommendation for Inshell Macadamia Nuts for trial use until the end of 2010. The Specialized Section may consider amendments to the text if necessary.

*Documentation:* Revised documentation for a new Standard for Inshell Macadamia Nuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/22)

**(b) Macadamia Kernels**

At its 2009 session the Working Party adopted the revised text of the Recommendation for Macadamia Kernels for trial use until the end of 2010. The Specialized Section may consider amendments to the text if necessary.

*Documentation:* Revised documentation for a new Standard for Macadamia Kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/23)

**(c) Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels**

At its 2009 session, the Working Party returned the text of the proposed new Standard to the Specialized Section to revisit several technical aspects including the differing interpretations of the term “Gülic” and the withdrawal of the provision “insufficiently developed” in section IV (Peeled Pistachio Kernels). The Working Party extended the trial period until November 2010.

*Documentation:* Proposed new Standard for Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/18)

The Recommendation (DDP-10: Pistachio Kernels and Peeled Pistachio Kernels)

**(d) Hazelnut Kernels**

At its 2009 session, the Working Party returned the text of the revised recommendation for hazelnut kernels to the Specialized Section to reconsider provisions on minimum requirements as requested by the delegation of Turkey. The Working Party extended the trial period until November 2010.

*Documentation:* Revised Standard for Hazelnut Kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/19)

The Recommendation (DDP-04: Hazelnut Kernels)

**(e) Dates**

At its 2009 session, the Working Party adopted the revised texts of the recommendation for dates until the end of 2010. The Specialized Section should consider whether any adjustments to the text are needed and whether reservations could be removed.

*Documentation:* Revised Standard for Dates (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/21)  
The Recommendation (DDP-08: Whole Dates)

## **5. Revision of UNECE Standards**

The delegations will consider the following Standards recommended for revision by the Specialized Section and the Working Party:

### **(a) Dried Pears**

At its 2009 session, the Specialized Section decided to review the Standard for Dried Pears. Proposals will be submitted by the Rapporteur from the United States.

*Documentation:* UNECE Standard for Dried Pears (DDP-13: Dried Pears)  
Proposals by the Rapporteur (United States)  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/2)

### **(b) Dried Apples**

At its 2009 session, the Specialized Section decided to review the Standard for Dried Apples. Proposals will be submitted by the Rapporteur from France.

*Documentation:* UNECE Standard for Dried Apples (DDP-16: Dried Apples)  
Proposals by the Rapporteur (France)  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/3)

### **(c) Cashew Kernels**

At its 2009 session, the Specialized Section decided to review the Standard for Cashew Kernels. Delegations are invited to send their proposals to the secretariat.

*Documentation:* UNECE Standard for Cashew Kernels (DDP-17: Cashew Kernels)  
Proposals for the revision of the Standard for Cashew Kernels  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/4)

### **(d) Inshell Walnuts**

At its 2009 session, the Specialized Section decided to review the Standard for Inshell Walnuts. The delegation of Germany acting as Rapporteur will submit proposals.

*Documentation:* UNECE Standard for Inshell Walnuts (DDP-01: Inshell Walnuts)  
Proposals by the Rapporteur (Germany)  
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/5)  
UNECE Standard for Inshell Walnuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/16)

## **6. New UNECE Standards**

### **(a) Whole Dried Chilli Peppers**

At the 2009 session of the Specialized Section, the delegation of Mexico was requested to present a revised draft Standard for Whole Dried Chilli Peppers, taking into account the comments by delegations made during the discussions. The Specialized Section will also be informed on the outcome of the preparatory discussions held on 28 June 2010.

*Documentation:* Draft proposed Standard for Whole Dried Chilli Peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/6)

## **7. Draft UNECE Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels**

The United States will present its work on the draft UNECE Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels.

*Documentation:* Draft UNECE Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels

## **8. Sampling and inspection procedure for dry and dried produce**

The delegation of Germany acting as Rapporteur will present comments and revisions to the 2003 Draft sampling and inspection (reference document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/2003/15/Add.2).

*Documentation:* Draft sampling and inspection procedure (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2010/7)

## **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. At its 2009 session, it was suggested to consider the possibility of developing standards for dried products including dried pineapples, dried mangos, dried ginger and some forest products.

## **11. Election of officers**

The Specialized Section will elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. At its fifty-sixth session the group elected Mr. Dorian Lafond (United States) as Chair and Mr. Joaquim Bellmunt (Spain) as Vice-Chair.

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

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

**III. Tentative timetable**

Monday, 28 June	14.00 – 18.00	Preparatory discussions on standards, recommendations and brochures
Tuesday, 29 June	10.00 – 13.00	Items 1 – 4
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 4 (cont'd) and 5
Wednesday, 30 June	10.00 – 13.00	Item 5 (cont'd)
	15.00 – 18.00	Items 5 (cont'd) and 6
Thursday, 1 July	10.00 – 13.00	Item 7
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Friday, 2 July	10.00 – 13.00	Item 12

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