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Provisional agenda and annotations*

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.2/2011/1)

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.7/2010/16)

(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. The Section will also be informed about coordination with the Codex secretariat in the area of nuts and dried fruit

3. Review of UNECE Recommendations

The Specialized Section will review the following Recommendation, which was adopted by the 2010 session of the Working Party for trial use until November 2011.

(a) **Dried Pears**

At its 2010 session the Working Party adopted the revised text of the Recommendation for Dried Pears (Rapporteur United States) for trial use until the end of 2011. The Specialized Section may consider amendments to the text if necessary.

Documentation: UNECE Recommendation for Dried Pears
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/15)

4. Revision of UNECE Standards

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

(a) **Dried Apples**

At its 2010 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.2/2011/2)

(b) **Cashew Kernels**

At its 2010 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 by the Rapporteurs (India, INC, Germany, United Republic of Tanzania) (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/3)
ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2010/INF.7 AFI Specifications for Cashew Kernels (ENG)

5. Alignment with 2009 Standard Layout

The following standards (Standard for Dried Apricots and Dried Figs) have been aligned with the 2009 Standard Layout to advance work in this area (Coordination: UNECE secretariat)

Documentation: UNECE Standard for Dried Apricots (DDP-15: Dried Apricots) Proposal by the secretariat: Aligned Standard for Dried Apricots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/4)
UNECE Standard for Dried Figs (DDP-14: Dried Figs) Proposal by the secretariat: Aligned Standard for Dried Figs (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/5)

6. New UNECE Standards

(a) Whole Dried Chilli Peppers

At its 2010 session, the Specialized Section decided to advance the development of a new UNECE Standard for Whole Dried Chilli Peppers (Coordination: Mexico, United States and INC) together with the development of a draft explanatory brochure

Documentation: Draft proposed Standard for Whole Dried Chilli Peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/6)

(b) Brazil Nut Kernels

At its 2010 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a new UNECE Standard for Brazil Nut Kernels (Coordination: INC, together with Brazil). Other countries are asked to contribute, if possible.

Documentation: Draft proposed Standard for Brazil Nut Kernels (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/7)

(c) Pine Nuts

At its 2010 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a new UNECE Standard for Pine Nuts (Coordination: INC, together with France, Spain, Turkey, United States). Other countries are asked to contribute, if possible.

Documentation: Draft proposed Standard for Pine Nuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/8)

(d) Dried Mangoes

At its 2010 session, the Specialized Section decided to develop a new UNECE Standard for Dried Mangoes (Coordination: Chair – United States). Other countries are asked to contribute, if possible.

Documentation: Draft proposed Standard for Dried Mangoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/9)

7. Draft UNECE Explanatory Brochure for Walnut Kernels

The United States will present its work on the 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: Sampling and inspection procedure for dry and dried produce (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2011/10)

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 chairperson and vice-chairperson. At its fifty-seventh 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

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| Monday, 27 June | 14.00 – 18.00 | Preparatory discussions on standards, recommendations and brochures – no interpretation |
| Tuesday, 28 June | 10.00 – 13.00 | Items 1 – 4 |
| | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 4 (cont'd) and 5 |
| Wednesday, 29 June | 10.00 – 13.00 | Item 6 |
| | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 6 (cont'd) and 7 |
| Thursday, 30 June | 10.00 – 13.00 | Item 8 |
| | 15.00 – 18.00 | Items 9 – 12 |