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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat
25-27 April 2001, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Wednesday, 25th April 2001

NOTE by the secretariat: Document numbers in square brackets have been reserved for papers not received by the secretariat at the time of the preparation of the agenda. They will either be distributed before the meeting in the original language only (if received until 6 weeks before the session) or at the session as informal papers (if received later). They will also be available on the homepage if sent in electronic format.

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Proposed timetable

25	April	10.00 - 13.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
		15.00 - 18.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
26	April	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1 - 3
		15.00 - 18.00	Items 4 - 5
27	April	10.00 - 13.00	Items 6 - 11
		15.00 - 18.00	Item 12

* The Specialized Section may wish to meet as a meeting of rapporteurs on the first day as appropriate to finalize texts. Interpretation will be provided.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Matters of interest arising since the ninth session

- (a) Discussion of the work of the Specialized section by the Working Party and the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/2 (Secretariat)

The document sums up the outcome of the fourth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development.

- (b) Summary report from the meeting of rapporteurs

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/3 (United States)

The document sums up the outcome of the meeting of rapporteurs on standardization of meat which was held in São Paulo, 24 to 27 September 2000.

Item 3 UN/ECE Standard for Bovine Carcasses and Cuts

Background documents: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.1 (General requirements)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.2 (Bovine specific section)
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.3 (Bovine specific cuts descriptions)

The UN/ECE Standard for bovine carcasses and cuts was adopted by the Working Party as presented in the Addenda to the report of the 9th session of the Specialized Section. Editorial amendments which have been made to the final publication will be reflected in the addenda to the report of this session. These addenda will also make reference to the page numbers in the final publication (for the time being in English only) so that French and Russian reader will be able to reference it easier.

- (a) Publications issues

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/4 (Australia, Secretariat)

Taking into account the different possibilities for publication of the color version of the standard discussions were held between the bureau of the Specialized Section and the secretariat. In order to ensure a speedy high-quality publication and efficient promotion of the standard it was decided to accept the offer from AUS-MEAT to publish the standard on behalf of the Specialized Section. Free copies will be available to each participant as well as each member of the UN/ECE. Further copies can be obtained from AUS-MEAT on a cost recovery basis.

- (b) Further development of the bovine standard

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/5 (France, United Kingdom, European Community)

The document contains proposals for future amendments to the standard.

Item 4 Draft UN/ECE Standard for Ovine Carcasses and Cuts

The documents contain the outcome of the discussions held at the meeting of rapporteurs and subsequent bilateral discussions between Australia and New Zealand.

- (a) Draft Ovine Specific Standard

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/6 (Australia, New Zealand)

(b) Draft Ovine Carcasses and Cuts Descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/7 (Australia, New Zealand)

Item 5 Draft UN/ECE Standard for Poultry Meat

The documents contain the outcome of the initial discussions held at the meeting of rapporteurs in Brazil.

(a) Revisions to the General Requirements adding sections for poultry

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/8 (United States)

(b) Proposed species-specific standard including product lists

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/9 (United States)

(c) Chicken product description pages

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/10 (United States)

A document containing the colour photographs of the products will be distributed at the meeting.

Item 6 UN/ECE trade mark for meat

Documents for this meeting: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/11(Australia)

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/12(United Kingdom, European Community)

Initial discussions on preparing a draft protocol on conformity assessment (trade mark) have been held at the last sessions of the Specialized Section. The principle of the co-operation between the Specialized Section and the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6) was agreed by WP.7.

Item 7 Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section

(a) **Date and place**

Delegations are invited to make proposals for dates and places of the next meetings of rapporteurs.

(b) **Future Work**

Delegations are invited to make proposals for the future work of the Specialized Section.

Item 8 Preparation of the 57th session of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Delegations are invited to mention any item that should be brought to the attention of the Working Party.

Item 9 Operational activities

Delegations are invited to discuss how the Specialized Section could assist countries in the further development of their meat trade.

Item 10 Other business

Any other subject can be discussed under this item.

Item 11 Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. At its ninth session the Group elected Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) as its Chairman and Mr. I. King (Australia) as its Vice-Chairman.

Item 12 Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its ninth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT:

Contributions should be sent to the secretariat either on diskette by mail to :

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