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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat  
13th Session, 19-22 April 2004, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 19th April 2004

1. **Adoption of the agenda** TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/1
  
2. **Matters of interest from groups within UNECE and other organizations dealing with standardization of meat and meat products** TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/2
  
3. **UNECE Standard for Chicken Meat - Carcasses and Parts**  
Revised text of the standard (outcome of the meeting of rapporteurs in Moscow)  
  
Draft chapters 1- 5 TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/3  
(Rapporteurs)  
  
Draft chapter 6 TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/4  
(Rapporteurs)
  
4. **UNECE Standard for Ovine Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**  
Review of the publication

**5. UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

(a) Review of the publication on paper and Internet

(b) Maintenance issues

- Review of Minimum conditions of the meat;
- Review of Feeding systems (possible inclusion of a negative list as in chicken)
- Codification of the ph values
- Review of the seminar held in Moscow

**6. Draft Revision of the UNECE Standard for Pork (*porcine*) Carcasses and Cuts**

Draft chapters 1- 4

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/5  
(United States)(English only)

Draft chapter 5

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/6  
(United States)(English only)

**7. Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Llama Carcasses and Cuts**

Draft chapters 1- 5

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/7  
(Bolivia)

**8. Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Goat (*caprine*) Carcasses and Cuts**

Draft chapters 1- 4

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/8  
(United States)(English only)

Draft chapter 5

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/9  
(United States)(English only)

**9. Information on work on other meats**

(e.g. Turkey, Veal, Variety/Fancy meats)

**10. Implementation activities/ traceability/ trade mark**

**11. Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section**

**12. Preparation of the 60th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

**13. Other business**

**14. Election of officers**

**15. Adoption of the report**

**Proposed timetable**

19 April	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1-3
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 3
20 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 4 – 6
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 6
21 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 6 - 14
	15.00 - 18.00	Drafting group on pork/llama
22 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 15
	15.00 - 18.00	Drafting group on chicken/llama

**Explanatory notes****Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/1

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**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/2

The document sums up the outcome of the seventh session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards.

The Specialized Section will also be informed about other relevant events in UNECE, the Working Party on Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs and other organizations dealing with standardization of meat and meat products.

**Item 3: Draft UNECE Standard for Chicken Meat - Carcasses and Parts**

(a) Chapters 1 to 5: General requirements and coding

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/3

(b) Chapter 6: Parts/ Cuts descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/4

The documents represent the result of the meeting of rapporteurs in Moscow. The text has been edited by the secretariat adapting it to the texts of the other UNECE standards for meat. Following the recommendation made by the Chairman of the Specialized Section, the Working Party adopted the text at its last session as a UNECE standard (see TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/2). Time for drafting groups has been set aside in the timetable.

**Item 4: UNECE Standard for Ovine Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

The secretariat will inform delegations about progress made with the publication of this standard.

**Item 5: Editorial revision/ correction of UNECE Standard for Bovine Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

(a) Publication of a second edition

The secretariat will inform delegations of the progress made with the publication of the 2004 edition of the standard.

(b) Maintenance issues

The Specialized Section may wish to discuss maintenance issues as follows:

- Review of Minimum conditions of the meat;
- Review of Feeding systems (possible inclusion of a negative list as in chicken)
- Codification of the pH values
- Review of the seminar held in Moscow

**Item 6: Draft Revision of the UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/5 (United States)(English only)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/6 (United States)(English only)

A first meeting of rapporteurs on revision of the porcine standard was held in St. Petersburg from 22-24 September 2003 following the invitation of the St. Petersburg branch of the Russian Customs Authority. The outcome of the discussions is contained in the documents expected from the United States. The Specialized Section will also discuss the outcome of a second meeting of rapporteurs, which will take place from 14-16 April 2004 in Warsaw, Poland. Time for drafting groups has been set aside in the timetable.

**Item 7: Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Llama Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2003/7 (Bolivia)

The secretariat has received a new draft for a UNECE Standard for Llama carcasses and cuts from Bolivia. The Specialized Section is invited to discuss how to proceed with this proposal. Time for drafting groups has been set aside in the timetable.

**Item 8: Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Goat Meat - Carcasses and Cuts**

Documents for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/8 (United States) (English only)  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2004/9 (United States) (English only)

**Item 9: Information on work on other meats**

(e.g. Turkey, Veal, Variety/Fancy meats)

The Specialized Section will be informed about any preliminary work done concerning the development of standards for veal, turkey meat and goat meat.

**Item 10: Implementation activities/ traceability/ trade mark**

At the last session it had also been decided that each country would indicate to the secretariat a list of authorities, which are recognized by the Government to certify conformity with the UNECE standard. Countries should also indicate any authorities of other countries that they recognize to certify conformity with the UNECE standard. The lists will be published on the UNECE home page. Up to now no such information has been received.

The secretariat will inform delegations about planned operational activities.

**Item 11: Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section**

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss, under this agenda item, the dates and places of the next meetings of rapporteurs and the priorities for future work.

**Item 12: Preparation of the 60th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

Any proposal brought to the attention of the Working Party can be discussed under this item.

**Item 13: Other business****Item 14: 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 twelfth session the Group elected Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) as its Chairman and Mr. I. King (Australia) as its Vice-Chairman.

**Item 15: Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its thirteenth 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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