



Economic Commission for Europe**Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards****Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards****Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat****Twenty-ninth session**

Geneva, 6—8 September 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Provisional agenda and annotations***

Session to be held as a hybrid session with interpretation.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising since the last session:
 - (a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies;
 - (b) Other organizations.
3. Eating quality.
4. Revision of the Standard for Porcine Meat (marbling and fat content).
5. International standard for animal protein derived from connective tissue.
6. Development of international minimum sustainability guidelines for the meat sector.
7. Alignment of the Economic Commission for Europe cut codes with the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS codes).
8. Discussion on the possible development of a livestock language.
9. Other business.
10. Future work.
11. Election of officers.
12. Adoption of the report.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Provisional agenda and annotations (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2021/1)

2. Matters arising since the last session

(a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will present developments at the level of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards as well as the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Report of the seventy-sixth session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/2020/2)

(b) Other organizations

Representatives of other organizations and country delegates will inform the Specialized Section about activities taking place in their agencies or countries that are of relevance to the work of the Specialized Section.

3. Eating quality

The Specialized Section will be provided an overview on new developments in eating quality research and activities relevant to the UNECE bovine standard. The Specialized Section will exchange views and provide updates on their experiences.

Documentation: Eating quality - updates (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2021/3)

4. Revision of the Standard for Porcine Meat (marbling and fat content)

The Specialized Section will review the proposals by the delegation from the Russian Federation to amend the Standard for Porcine Meat.

Documentation: Proposals by the delegation from the Russian Federation to amend the Standard for Porcine Meat (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2021/4)

5. International standard for animal protein derived from connective tissue

The Specialized Section will review the proposals presented by the rapporteurs group (comprising delegates with knowledge and interest in this product for international sales—Russian Federation and other countries).

Documentation: Alignment of meat cut descriptions and harmonized system codes - project scope (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2021/5)

6. Development of international minimum sustainability guidelines for the meat sector

Following initial discussions at various symposiums held by the Specialized Section and deliberations at the 2020 session, the Specialized Section will review an update on this topic.

7. Alignment of the Economic Commission for Europe cut codes with the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS codes)

Following discussions of the scoping of a potential project on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) code alignment with the UNECE meat cut codes at the 2020 session, the Specialized Section will review an update on this topic.

8. Discussion on the possible development of a livestock language

Following the review of Australia's proposal at the 2020 session, the Specialized Section agreed that harmonizing livestock language could be of great interest and decided to include this item in the agenda of the 2021 Specialized Section. The Specialized Section will review the updated proposal and exchange views.

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 proposals and priorities for its future work.

11. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its twenty-eighth session, it elected Mr. Ian King (Australia) as Chairperson and Mr. Mark Lobstein (United States) as Vice-Chairperson.

12. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session (ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.11/2021/2).

III. Tentative timetable

Monday, 6 September	12:30-15:30	Items 1 - 4
Tuesday, 7 September	12:30-15:30	Items 5 - 7
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