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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Fifteenth session

Brisbane (Australia), 19 - 24 April 2006

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE FIFTEENTH SESSION\***to be held in Brisbane, Australia  
commencing at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 April 2006

1.	Adoption of the agenda	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/1
2.	Matters of interest arising from the last session	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/2
3.	Status of publications on existing standards	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/3
4.	Revision of UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat – Carcases and Cuts	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/4/Rev.1 <sup>1</sup> ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/5/Rev.1 <sup>2</sup> ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/5/Add.1/Rev.1 <sup>3</sup>

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5.	Proposals for new UNECE standards	
	Revision of the Draft UNECE Standard for Turkey Meat – Carcases and Parts	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/8/Rev.1 <sup>4</sup> ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/9/Rev.1 <sup>5</sup>
6.	Amendments to UNECE standards	
	(a) Bovine	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/4
	(b) Ovine	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/5
7.	Work on standards for other meats	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/6
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9.	Information on implementation of UNECE Standards	ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/8
10.	Preparation of meetings of rapporteurs and next session of the Specialized Section	
11.	Items to be submitted to the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards	
12.	Other business	
13.	Election of officers	
14.	Adoption of the report	

### Timetable

Wednesday, 19	10.00- 12.30	Items 1 – 4
	13.45- 17.30	Item 4 (cont'd)
Thursday, 20	8.00 - 12.30	Technical visit – New pork cuts demonstration
	13.45 -17.30	Items 5 and 8
Friday, 21	9.00 - 12.30	Items 5 (cont'd), 6, 7
	13.45 -17.30	Items 9 – 13
Saturday, 22	9.00 – 15.00	Technical visit – Beef processing establishments
Sunday, 23		Free day
Monday, 24	9.00-12.30	Item 14
	13.30 -16.00	Closing session

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<sup>5</sup> The present document has previously been circulated under the symbol TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/9.

## **Annotations**

### **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.

<u>Documentation</u>	Provisional agenda and annotations ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/1
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### **2. Matters of interest arising from the last session**

#### For information

The secretariat will present a summary of the discussions and outcome of the following meetings:

- Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development - ninth session, May 2005
- Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards, 61st session, October 2005
- Rapporteurs' intersessional meetings.

It will also report on the work of the European Union.

<u>Documentation</u>	Matters of interest arising from the fourteenth session ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/2
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### **3. Status of publications on existing standards**

#### For information

The secretariat will report on the status of the publications on the standards for bovine, ovine, llama/alpaca and chicken meat.

<u>Documentation</u>	Status of publications on existing standards ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/3
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### **4. Revision of UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat – Carcases and Cuts**

#### For decision

The meeting will discuss the proposals made by the United States at the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Specialized Section, and incorporated in the documentation referred to below. If agreed, amendments to the standard will be formulated and submitted to the Working Party for approval. A new version of the standard will then be prepared by the secretariat.

<u>Documentation</u>	Revision of UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat Carcases and Cuts ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/4/Rev.1 (Chapters 1 – 4) ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/5/Rev.1 (Chapter 5 - Part I)
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ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/5/Add.1/Rev.1 (Chapter 5 - Part II and Annexes)

## **5. Proposals for new UNECE standards**

Revision of the Draft UNECE Standard for Turkey Meat – Carcases and Parts

### For approval

The proposal for a new standard, submitted by the United States, was discussed at the Rapporteurs' Meeting of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (Warsaw, June 2005).

If agreed by the Specialized Section, the proposal will be submitted to the Working Party for approval. A publication on the new standard will then be prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation	Draft Standard for Turkey Meat – Carcases and Parts ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/8/Rev.1 (Chapters 1 – 4) ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/9/Rev.1 (Chapter 5)
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## **6. Amendments to UNECE standards**

- (a) Bovine
- (b) Ovine

### For decision

The secretariat will present a paper summarizing member country suggestions for revising the bovine and ovine standards. The Specialized Section will decide which revisions should be made and will then submit these to the Working Party for approval.

<u>Documentation</u>	Revision of UNECE Standard Bovine Meat – Carcases and Cuts ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/4
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	Revision of UNECE Standard Ovine Meat – Carcases and Cuts ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/5
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## **7. Work on standards for other meats**

### For information and discussion

Participants will continue the ongoing discussions on developing new standards for veal, variety, fancy meat and livestock.

<u>Documentation</u>	Work on standards for other meats ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/6
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## **8. Coding system for UNECE Standards for Meat**

### For information and discussion

The delegation of the United States will present a paper on the progress made by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and GS1 ("Global Standards 1"), formerly known as EAN International and the Uniform Code Council (UCC) on the use of UNECE standards in global electronic commerce. Participants will discuss how to use the UNECE standards on meat to support product classification in the United Nations Standard Products and Services Code® (UNSPSC®), the GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN), and the Global Product Classification (GPC) system.

Some meat and poultry supply-chain companies are now reviewing their systems' data models and messages to validate that all perishable meat and poultry products can be properly traded using these systems.

Documentation                      UNECE meat and poultry standards in global electronic commerce  
ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/7

## **9. Information on implementation of UNECE standards**

### For information and discussion.

The secretariat will present a table containing the UNECE standards on meat that have been adopted by various countries. Participants will be invited to express their views on the list of authorities recognized by Governments for certifying conformity with the standards. Countries should also indicate any authorities of other countries that they recognize for certifying conformity with the standards. The lists will be published on the UNECE home page. The secretariat proposes that at the session each delegation briefly present how certification could be organized in their country.

Documentation                      Information on implementation of UNECE standards  
ECE/TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2006/8

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

### For discussion

The Specialized Section will agree on the items for the provisional agenda, the dates and the venue of its 16<sup>th</sup> session. It will also discuss proposals and priorities for future work.

## **11. Items to be submitted to the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards**

### For discussion

The Specialized Section will decide on which recommendations should be transmitted to the next annual session of the Working Party for approval and what information the Working Party should be provided with.

## **12. Other business**

Depending on the time available, and as agreed when adopting the draft agenda, the Specialized Section may wish to discuss other subjects of interest proposed at its previous meetings, such as:

- Colour chips/marketing cards
- Products with added ingredients and size reduction
- Pilot study on implementation of the bovine standard

## **13. Election of officers**

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Specialized Section is expected to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. At its fourteenth session the group elected Mr. Barry Carpenter (United States) as Chairperson and Mr. Ian King (Australia) as Vice-Chairperson.

## **14. Adoption of the report**

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

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The current versions of the UNECE standards on meat are available at:

[http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat\\_e.htm](http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.htm)

Contributions should be sent to the secretariat by e-mail to:

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