



**Economic and Social
Council**

Distr.
GENERAL

ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2009/5
13 August 2009

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

COMMITTEE ON TRADE

Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Fifty-sixth session
Geneva, 2-4 November 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
from 2 to 4 November 2009²

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Matters of interest since the last session
 - (a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies
 - (b) Other organizations
 - (c) Concentration of agricultural quality standards work in UNECE
3. Revision of the Standard Layout

¹ Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations should complete the registration form, downloadable from <http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.htm> and transmit it to the secretariat either by e-mail (alissa.mayor@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22 917 0629). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves with a valid identification card/passport at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny entrance to obtain a security badge to enter the Palais (in case of a problem, please call 022 917 12 65). Documents for the meeting and information for Geneva visitors are also available on the website.

² The meeting will be held back-to-back with the sixty-fifth session of the Working Party (5-6 November 2009).

4. Revision of UNECE standards
 - (a) Apples
 - (b) Citrus fruit
 - (c) Sweet peppers and UNECE explanatory brochure for sweet peppers
 - (d) Apricots
 - (e) Fresh chilli peppers
 - (f) Chanterelles
 - (g) Shallots
 - (h) Berry fruit
 - (i) Lambs lettuce
5. Alignment of standards with the revised standard layout and other non-substantive changes to standards
 - (a) Tomatoes
 - (b) Pears
 - (c) Potatoes
6. Review of UNECE recommendations
 - (a) Peaches and nectarines
7. Future work
8. Other business
9. Election of officers
10. Adoption of the report

II. ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2009/5)

2. Matters of interest since the last session

(a) UNECE and subsidiary bodies

The secretariat will inform delegates about the decisions that might be taken by the Executive Committee having an impact on the work of the Specialized Section.

(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 participants may wish to share information on the implementation of the new EC regulation in their countries and discuss its implications for the UNECE work on standards.

(c) **Concentration of agricultural quality standards work in UNECE**

The UNECE and OECD Task Forces will present their report on the transfer of the OECD Scheme activities to UNECE.

Documentation: Report on the transfer (INF.25, Informal document)
Commercial quality standards by UNECE (INF.26, Informal document)

3. Revision of the Standard Layout

The delegations are expected to confirm the changes introduced at the May session of the Specialized Section and to recommend to the Working Party its approval as a revised Standard Layout.

Documentation: Standard Layout (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/2)

4. Revision of UNECE standards

(a) **Apples**

The delegations, having consulted with their industry, will review the provisions of the Standard changed at the previous session of the Specialized Section and will decide whether to submit the revised Standard to the Working Party for approval.

Documentation: The Standard (FFV-50: Apples)
Revised Standard for Apples (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/3)

(b) **Citrus fruit**

The delegation will review the changes made to the text of the Standard at the May session of the Specialized Section. The Specialized Section may wish to recommend the revised Standard to the Working Party for approval.

Documentation: Revised Standard for Citrus Fruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/5)
The Standard (FFV-14: Citrus fruit)

(c) **Sweet peppers and UNECE explanatory brochure for sweet peppers**

It is expected that the delegations will confirm their recommendation to the Working Party to adopt the amended text of the Standard as a revised Standard for Sweet Peppers. The secretariat will present a pre-print of the brochure. The Specialized Section will decide on recommending it to the Working Party for approval and publishing.

Documentation: Revised Standard for Sweet Peppers (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/6)
Draft brochure (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/13)

(d) Apricots

The delegations will again look at the proposal of establishing the minimum size of apricots before recommending the text to the Working Party for approval as a revised Standard for Apricots.

Documentation: Revised Standard for Apricots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/7)

(e) Fresh chilli peppers

The delegation of Mexico will present a revised text of the draft Standard taking into account the comments made by countries at the May session of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Fresh Chilli Peppers
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/8)

(f) Chanterelles

The delegation of France will report on any proposed changes received from countries after the consideration of the Standard at the previous session. The Specialized Section will decide on recommending the text to the Working Party for approval as a new Standard for Chanterelles.

Documentation: Revised draft Standard for Chanterelles (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/9)

(g) Shallots

The delegation of France will present a revised text of the draft standard taking into account the discussions at the May session of the Specialized Section.

Documentation: Revised Standard for Shallots (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/10)

(h) and (i) Standards for berry fruit and lambs lettuce

The delegation of Germany will present revised texts of draft standards for berry fruit and lambs lettuce. The countries have been asked to submit comments on these standards to Germany and the secretariat.

Documentation: Berry fruit (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2009/6)
Lambs lettuce (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.1/2009/7)

5. Alignment of standards with the revised standard layout and other non-substantive changes to standards

The Specialized Section will consider the texts of old standards aligned with the revised Standard Layout, as well as some minor changes to several standards.

Documentation: Tomatoes (FFV-36: Tomatoes)
Pears (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/11)
Potatoes (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2009/12)

6. Review of UNECE recommendations

(a) Peaches and nectarines

The Specialized Section will review the Recommendation on Peaches and Nectarines.

Documentation: The Recommendation (FFV-26: Peaches and nectarines)

7. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss its future work.

8. Other business

Any other issues of interest for the work of the Specialized Section can be discussed under this agenda item.

9. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. At its fifty-fifth session the group elected Ms. Ulrike Bickelmann (Germany) as Chair and Ms. Kristina Mattsson (Sweden) as Vice-Chair.

10. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of the session.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday, 2 November	10:00 - 18:00	Meetings of working groups
Tuesday, 3 November	10:00 - 13:00	Items 1,2,3,4
	15:00 - 18:00	Item 4 (cont'd)
Wednesday, 4 November	10:00 - 13:00	Items 4 (cont'd), 5
	15:00 - 18:00	Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10