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Working Party on Standardization of  
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat  
8-10 April 2002, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 8th April 2002

**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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12. Election of officers
13. Adoption of the report

**Proposed timetable**

8	April	10.00 - 13.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
		15.00 - 18.00	Meeting of rapporteurs*
9	April	10.00 - 13.00	Items 1 - 3
		15.00 - 18.00	Items 4 - 5
10	April	10.00 - 13.00	Items 6 - 12
		15.00 - 18.00	Item 13

\* 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**

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/2 (Secretariat)

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

### **Item 3 Draft UNECE Standard for Ovine Carcases and Cuts**

(a) Report of the meeting of rapporteurs

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/3

The document contains a summary of the discussions held at a meeting of rapporteurs in Brussels and input from other rapporteurs who could not attend the meeting.

(b) Draft Ovine Specific Standard

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/4 (Australia)

(c) Draft Ovine Carcases and Cuts Descriptions

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/5 (Australia)

Documents TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/4 and 5 contain the revised draft text prepared by the rapporteurs. A document containing the photographs of the products will be distributed.

(d) Publications issues

Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/6]

In the document the secretariat proposes a procedure to be applied for the publication of the ovine standard.

### **Item 4 Draft UNECE Standard for Poultry Meat**

(a) Report of the meeting of rapporteurs

Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/7]

The document contains a summary of the discussions held at a meeting of rapporteurs in Washington.

(b) General Requirements for poultry meat

Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/8 (United States)]

At the last meeting it was decided to draft separate General Requirements for poultry meat as they were significantly different to those for red meat. A new document is expected from the United States.

(c) Draft chicken specific standard including product lists  
Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/9 (United States)]

(d) Chicken product description pages  
Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/10 (United States)]

New documents concerning the chicken specific requirements and the product description pages are expected from the United States. A document containing the photographs of the products will be distributed.

**Item 5 UNECE Standard for Bovine Carcass and Cuts**

Background documents: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.1  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.2  
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2000/7/Add.3

(a) Proposals for maintenance, updating and further development  
Background document: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2001/5 (France, United Kingdom, European Community)

At the last session a document concerning this question was presented. Further proposals can be made under this agenda item.

(b) Use of the standard

Delegations are invited to report on the experiences made with the use of the standard.

**Item 6 UNECE Standard for Porcine Carcasses and Cuts**

(a) Proposals for maintenance, updating and further development  
Document for this session: [TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2002/11 (United Kingdom)]

A proposal for updating the standard and the coding system is expected from the United Kingdom.

(b) Use of the standard

Delegations are invited to report on the experiences made with the use of the standard.

**Item 7 UNECE trade mark for meat**

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

Several discussions on preparing a draft protocol on conformity assessment (trade mark) have been held by 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. At the last session delegations were invited to provide comments on the issues discussed. Up to now no new information was received by the secretariat.

**Item 8 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 9 Preparation of the 58th 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 10 Operational activities**

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

**Item 11 Other business**

Any other subject can be discussed under this item.

**Item 12 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 13 Adoption of the report**

The Specialized Section will adopt the report of its eleventh 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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