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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat
14th Session, 11-15 April 2004, Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
commencing at 10.00 hrs on Monday, 11th April 2005

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11.	Preparation of the meetings of rapporteurs and the next session of the Specialized Section	
12.	Preparation of the 61st session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards	
13.	Other business Standards for Fish Color chips/marketing cards Pilot study on implementation of the bovine standard Products with added ingredients and size reduction	TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/12 (Secretariat)
14.	Election of officers	
15.	Adoption of the report	

Proposed timetable

11 April	10.00 - 13.00	Meeting of rapporteurs (Pork)(with interpretation)
	15.00 - 18.00	Meeting of rapporteurs (Pork)(with interpretation)
12 April	10.00 - 13.00	Technical visit
	15.00 - 18.00	Technical visit
13 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 1 - 3
	15.00 - 18.00	Item 5 - 6
14 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 7 - 14
	15.00 - 18.00	Drafting groups
15 April	10.00 - 13.00	Item 15

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

Document for this session: TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/1

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.11/2005/2

The document sums up the outcome of the eighth session of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development and the sixtieth 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: Issues concerning the of existing standards (Bovine, Ovine, Chicken, Llama/Alpaca)

TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/3

The Specialized Section will be informed about progress made with the publication of the UNECE Standards for Bovine, Ovine, Chicken, Llama/Alpaca Meat.

The secretariat has also prepared a paper (2005/3) collecting items of further discussion/amendment for these standards.

Item 4: Draft Revision of the UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat Carcasses and Cuts

(a) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/4 (United States)

(b) Chapter 5: Carcasses/ Cuts descriptions
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/5

A first meeting of rapporteurs on revision of the porcine standard was held in St. Petersburg from in September 2003. A second meeting was held in Warsaw, Poland in April 2004 followed by discussions in the Specialized Section also in April 2004. A third meeting was held in Vilnius, Lithuania in October 2004.

The outcome of the discussions is contained in the documents expected from the United States. The rapporteurs have the possibility to meet on 11 April in Geneva (interpretation provided) and a technical visit to a cutting plant is planned for 12 April.

Item 5: Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Goat Meat - Carcasses and Cuts

(a) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/6 (United States)

(b) Chapter 5: Carcasses/Cuts descriptions
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/7

A proposal for a new UNECE Standard is expected from the United States.

Item 6: Proposal for a UNECE Standard for Turkey Meat - Carcasses and Parts

(a) Chapters 1 to 4: General requirements and coding
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/8 (United States)

(b) Chapter 5: Carcasses/Cuts descriptions
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/9

A proposal for a new UNECE Standard is expected from the United States.

Item 7: Standard for livestock

The delegation of Australia is expected to present a proposal for a standard for livestock.

Item 8: Cooperation with the World Customs Organization

At the meeting of rapporteurs in St. Petersburg a discussion on the compatibility of the customs codes with the UNECE codes was held. As the customs codes were created for a different purpose they did not allow a description of the product to the same detail as the UNECE code and sometimes there were different interpretations (having important financial implications) on where to classify a product.

The Specialized Section felt that while being desirable such a harmonization would be difficult to reach, it would be best to make the UNECE code as logical as possible and promote its use, and also to offer a tool for translation of the UNECE code into different customs codes to users. The harmonized system of the World Customs Organization should also be checked to ensure compatibility and contact should be established between the two secretariats.

Item 9: Implementation activities/ traceability/ trade mark

At the last session delegations were reminded to 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. The secretariat proposes that at the session each delegation briefly presents how certification would be organized in their country.

The secretariat will inform delegations about planned operational activities.

Item 10: Future work

The Specialized Section is invited to discuss possible future work items as mentioned below and the priorities for future work:

- (a) Information on work on other meats (e.g. veal, variety, fancy meats)
- (b) Color chips/marketing cards
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/11 (Australia)
- (c) Pilot study on implementation of the bovine standard
- (d) Products with added ingredients and size reduction
- (e) Standards for Fish
TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/2005/12 (Secretariat)

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.

Item 12: Preparation of the 61st 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 fourteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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