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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Questionnaire on the use of UNECE standards

Note by the secretariat^(*)

To keep track of progress in the implementation of standards at the national level, the Working Party, at its November 2006 session, asked the secretariat to draft a list of questions to send to countries to collect information on the practical use of UNECE standards.

Following that decision the secretariat has drafted the questionnaire presented below. It reflects comments made by the specialized sections.

^(*) The present document has been submitted after the official documentation deadline by the Trade and Timber Division due to resource constraints.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE USE OF UNECE STANDARDS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

UNECE standards	Application		Applied			Agency responsible for inspection
	Mandatory since	Voluntary (*)	At export from your country	At import to your country	In domestic trade	
Fresh fruit and vegetables						
Apples						
Table grapes						
...						
Dry and dried produce						
Almond kernels						
Apples, dried						
...						
MEAT						
Bovine						
Ovine						
...						
Seed potatoes						
...						

(*) Please specify how widely they are used (“W” for wide use, “L” for limited use).

Please indicate below if the participants in the supply chain are aware of the UNECE standards, if they find them useful, and whether the national or regional standards differ from those of UNECE, and if so, why.