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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Eighteenth session
Geneva, 27-30 April 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
from 27 to 30 April 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters of interest since the last session.
3. Status of publications on adopted standards.
4. Information on the meetings of the Section in 2008.
5. Review of the UNECE standards for eggs and egg products.

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6. Proposal for a UNECE standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts.
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8. Proposal for a UNECE standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts.
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10. Future work.
11. Other business.
12. Election of officers.
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II. ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/1)

2. Matters of interest since the last session

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/25)
Terms of reference (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/23)
Working procedures (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/24)

The Chairperson and the secretariat will inform the participants of the outcome of the sixty-fourth session of the Working Party: (a) revision of its terms of reference and working procedures; and (b) approved 2008 versions of the standards for edible meat co-products and duck.

3. Status of publications on adopted standards

The secretariat will report on the status of the publications on the standards for bovine, caprine, llama/alpaca, porcine and turkey meat.

4. Information on the meetings of the Section in 2008

The Chairperson will inform the Specialized Section on the outcome of various international and rapporteurs' meetings of the Section held in 2008.

5. Review of the UNECE standards for eggs and egg products

Documentation: Draft revised UNECE Standard for Edible hen eggs-in-shell (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/2)
Draft revised UNECE Standard for Hen egg products for use in the food industry (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/3)

Delegations will consider the draft texts of revised standards for eggs and egg products and will decide whether the texts should be submitted to the Working Party for approval as recommendations for a trial period of one or two years.

6. Proposal for a UNECE standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/4)

Delegations will consider the proposal prepared by the rapporteurs for a new UNECE standard for veal meat – carcasses and cuts. They will be invited to review the draft and propose changes/amendments and decide whether the text should be submitted to the Working Party for approval.

7. Proposal for a UNECE standard for retail cuts

Documentation: Explanatory note on creating a new standard for retail cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/5)
Draft new UNECE standard for retail cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/6)

The delegation of the United States of America will present a draft containing the first part of the standard, using pork cuts as a reference. The Specialized Section is expected to review the draft and propose changes and amendments. A revised draft could then be considered at the 2010 session, when a decision could be made on submitting it to the Working Party for approval.

8. Proposal for a UNECE standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts

Documentation: Draft UNECE standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2009/7)

The Specialized Section will consider the proposal by the Russian Federation to start work on a new UNECE standard for horse meat – carcasses and cuts. The Specialized Section will decide on initiating this work.

9. Information/decisions for submission to the Working Party

The Specialized Section will decide on decisions/information for transmitting to the Working Party at the sixty-fifth session.

10. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work and will decide on preliminary dates and venues of its meetings.

11. Other business

Other questions of interest may be discussed under this agenda item.

12. Election of officers

The Specialized Section will elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At its seventeenth session, the group elected Mr. Ian King (Australia) as its Chairperson and Mr. Craig Morris (United States) as its Vice-Chairperson.

13. Adoption of the report

The Specialized Section will be invited to adopt the report of the session.

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Preliminary timetable		
Monday, 27 April	10.00 – 18.00	Items 1 – 5
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 5 (continued)
Tuesday, 28 April	10.00 – 13.00	Item 6
	15.00 – 18.00	Item 6 (continued)
Wednesday, 29 April	10.00 – 13.00	Items 7 - 10
	15.00 – 18.00	Drafting groups veal, horse and retail cuts
Thursday, 30 April	10.00 – 13.00	Items 11 – 13