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Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

Seventeenth session
Geneva, 28-30 April 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
from 28 to 30 April 2008

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters of interest since the last session.
3. Status of publications on existing standards.

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4. Information on the results of the rapporteurs' meetings.
5. Review of the UNECE standards for eggs and egg products.
6. New UNECE standard for edible meat co-products.
7. New UNECE standard for duck meat – carcasses and parts.
8. Preparation of 2008 session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards.
9. Future work.
10. Other business.
11. Election of officers.
12. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/1)

The delegations will adopt the agenda.

2. Matters of interest since the last session

Documentation: Report of the Working Party (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2007/27)
Terms of reference (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2007/12)
Working procedures (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2007/13)

The Chairperson and the secretariat will inform the participants on the outcome of the November 2007 session of the Working Party: (a) its new terms of references and working procedures; (b) approved 2007 versions of the standards for bovine, caprine and turkey meat; and (c) the questionnaire on national application of UNECE standards.

3. Status of publications on existing standards

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

4. Information on the results of the rapporteurs' meetings

Documentation: Meeting of the rapporteurs (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/2)

The Chairperson will inform the Specialized Section on the outcome of the November 2007 Rapporteurs meeting held in Moscow that dealt with the standards for eggs and egg products and duck meat and on the April 2008 meeting in Rennes that initiated work on the standard for veal.

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

Documentation: Explanatory note on revising egg standards
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/3)
Draft revised UNECE Standard for Eggs-in-shell
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/4)
Draft revised UNECE Standard for Egg Products
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/5)

The Specialized Section will consider draft texts of revised standards for eggs-in-shell and for egg products. The participants 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.

6. New UNECE standard for edible meat co-products

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for edible meat co-products
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/6)

The Specialized Section will consider the proposal prepared by the Working Group formed by the delegations of Australia, France and the United States on a new UNECE standard for edible meat co-products, also often referred to as offal, fancy meats, variety meats and edible by-products. The participants 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. New UNECE standard for duck meat – carcasses and parts

Documentation: Draft new UNECE standard for duck meat – carcasses and parts
(ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.11/2008/7)

The delegation of China will present the draft of the standard discussed at the November rapporteurs' meeting in Moscow. The Specialized Section is expected to finalize the text and recommend it to the Working Party for approval.

8. Preparation of 2008 session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

The Specialized Section will be invited to decide which decisions/information should be transmitted to the 2008 session of the Working Party.

9. Future work

The Specialized Section will discuss proposals and priorities for its future work and, if necessary, will decide on the dates and venue of rapporteurs' meetings.

10. Other business

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

11. Election of officers

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

12. Adoption of the report

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

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Preliminary timetable		
Monday, 28 April	10:00 – 13:00	Items 1-5
	15:00 – 18:00	Items 5-6
Tuesday, 29 April	10:00 – 13:00	Item 6
	15:00 – 18:00	Item 7
Wednesday, 30 April	10:00 – 13:00	Items 8-9
	15:00 – 18:00	Items 10-12