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Working Party on Standardization of
Perishable Produce and Quality Development

Meeting of Experts on Standardization of
Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)
(15 to 19 June 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

to be held in Grenoble, France
commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 15 June 1998

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A REGISTRATION FORM AS WELL AS INFORMATION CONCERNING HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATION ARE ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA.

Explanatory Notes

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first decision to be taken on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 Election of officers

According to the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Meeting of Experts is expected to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The forty-fourth session of the Meeting of Experts unanimously re-elected Mr. F. Monastra (Italy) as Chairman and Mr. W. Staub (Germany) as Vice-Chairman. Due to the sudden death of Mr. Monastra, the Meeting of Experts should elect a new Chairman.

Item 3 Matters of interest arising since the forty-fourth session

Document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/2 presents matters of interest to the work of the Meeting of Experts.

Item 4 Working Papers on the Alignment of UN/ECE Standards with the Standard Layout

At its forty-fourth session, the Meeting of Experts requested the Rapporteur (Turkey) to prepare a revised version of the Standards for Inshell Hazelnuts and Hazelnut Kernels including the decisions taken at that session. (documents TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/3 and TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/4)

Item 5 Consideration of UN/ECE Recommendations

a. Cashew Kernels: This Recommendation was adopted by the Working Party in November 1996 for a two year trial period which will end in November 1998. Delegates are invited to consider whether the present text (document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/5) should be adopted as a new standard or whether further changes would be necessary. Document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/6 contains comments submitted by the delegation of India concerning the UN/ECE Recommendation on Cashew Kernels.

b. Walnut Kernels: This revised version of the UN/ECE Standard for Walnut Kernels was adopted by the Working Party in November 1996 as a Recommendation for a two year trial period which will end in November 1998. Delegates are invited to consider whether the present text (document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/7) should be adopted as a new standard or whether further changes would be necessary. A proposal by the US delegation is contained in document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/8.

c. Dried Apples: At its fifty-first session (1995), the Working Party had adopted the Draft Standard for Dried Apples as a UN/ECE Recommendation for a two year trial period; this period was extended for a further year in November 1997. The trial period will end in November 1998 and delegations are invited to consider whether the present text, prepared by the Rapporteur, Romania, should be adopted as a new standard or whether further changes would be necessary. (TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/9)

Item 6 Revision of the Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Produce

AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/R.96 (already submitted to the Meeting of Experts in 1997) presents a proposal by the US delegation to revise the UN/ECE Standard Layout for Dry and Dried Fruit.

Item 7 Discussion on the UN/ECE Recommendation on Inshell Walnuts

At its fifty-third session (November 1997), the Working Party adopted the revisions to the Standard for Inshell Walnuts for a two year trial period and re-iterated discussion on the proposal by the US delegation (document TRADE/WP.7/1998/GE.2/10) to the Meeting of Experts.

Item 8 Discussion on the UN/ECE Standards for Unshelled Pistachio Nuts and Decorticated, and Decorticated Peeled Pistachio Nuts

Document TRADE/WP.7/1998/GE.2/11 presents the proposal by the US delegation to discuss the UN/ECE Standards for Unshelled Pistachio Nuts and Decorticated, and Decorticated Peeled Pistachio Nuts.

Item 9 Discussions on a multilingual Dictionary of Defects

AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/R.97 (already submitted to the Meeting of Experts in 1997) presents a multilingual dictionary prepared by the delegation of Italy. Delegates are requested to review this document and send their respective language version to the delegation of Italy.

Item 10 Discussion on the importance of Dried Cherries in international trade and proposal to elaborate a Draft Standard for Dried Cherries

Under this agenda item, the meeting should discuss the proposal by the Romanian delegation to elaborate a Draft Standard for Dried Cherries, taking into account the volume and importance of dried cherries in international trade. (document TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/1998/12)

Item 11 Other business

A study on cracking yields (Inshell Hazelnuts) will be presented by the delegation of Spain. (document TRADE/WP.7/ge.2/1998/13)

a) Future Work

Proposal by the German delegation to elaborate a draft Standard for Pitted Dates.

b) Date and place of the next session

Item 12 Adoption of the summary report

The Meeting of Experts will adopt the summary report on its forty-fifth session prepared by the secretariat.

INFORMATION

1. The Meeting will take place at:

Conseil Général de l'Isère
Hôtel du Département
7, rue Fantin Latour
F-38 000 Grenoble

There will be a shuttle bus service between the hotel and the meeting location.

2. Hotel reservations should be made through the Tourism Office in Grenoble. A reservation form is attached.

The Tourism Office will regroup all participants in one or maximum two hotels. The rates vary between 400-570 FF for a single room to 570 -700 for a double room in a three-star hotel.

3. How to reach Grenoble:

- a. by air :

- from Paris, there are several flights per day with Air Inter to Grenoble Saint Geoires Airport (about 41 km to the North of Grenoble)

There is a shuttle bus service between Grenoble airport and the central train station of Grenoble.

- Long distance flights to Lyon Satolas International Airport which is about 1 hour from Grenoble. (11 flights daily from Paris and 6 flights daily from London)
- Long distance flights to Geneva Cointrin International Airport which is about 1 1/2 hours from Grenoble.

- b. by train :

- Six fast trains (TGV) per day linking Paris to Grenoble (2h 58 min)
- Two direct trains per day from Geneva to Grenoble (2h 15 min)

- c. by car :

- Paris - Grenoble: 574 km; Geneva - Grenoble : 147 km

REGISTRATION FORM
UN/ECE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON STANDARDIZATION
OF DRY AND DRIED FRUIT

to be held in Grenoble, France
from 15 to 19 June 1998

RETURN TO : Food Standards Officer, Office 384
Agricultural Standards Unit, UN/ECE Trade Division
Palais des Nations
CH - 1211 Geneva 10
Tel: 41-22 917 2875
Fax: 41-22 917 0041
before 20 May 1998

Family name (Mr./Mrs.) :
First name : Title :
Organization/Institute :
Mailing address :
Postal code, city : Country :
Tel. : Fax : e-Mail :

Preferred working language : English ☐ French ☐ Russian ☐

Arrival in Grenoble : hour date :June.

by air ☐ train ☐ car ☐ Flight No.

Departure from Grenoble : hour date :June.

Flight No.

Hotel: Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Tourism Office in Grenoble. (see attached form)

NOTE: Details concerning excursions will be communicated during the Meeting.

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO : L'Office de Tourism
14 rue de la République
F-38000 GRENOBLE
Tel: 33-4-76 42 41 41
Fax: 33-4-76 51 28 69
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Family name (Mr./Mrs.) :
First name :
Address :
Postal code, city : Country :
Tel. : Fax :
Accompanied by:

Dates of Stay: from to

Number of nights:

Number of rooms: single double twin

Approximate price per room per night (excluding breakfast):

*** 400-570 FF single room
*** 570-700 FF double or twin room

Conditions of Reservation:

Please send a deposit for 350 FF to reserve the room to the Office de
Tourism in Grenoble. Without this deposit your reservation will not be
accepted.

Arrival by:

air ☐ train ☐ car ☐ Flight No.