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**OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables -
Meeting of Heads of National Inspection Services**

**DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 15TH OECD MEETING OF HEADS OF NATIONAL INSPECTION
SERVICES**

8-10 March 2011, Budapest, Hungary

This 15th OECD Meeting of the Heads of National Inspection Services will be hosted by Hungary. It will be organised in the framework of the Hungarian EU Presidency and with the participation of UNECE member countries.

The Meeting will focus on integrated quality as a possibility to facilitate fruit and vegetables trade between OECD countries (third countries) and the European Union.

The Meeting will be preceded by OECD Working Group Meetings on the 7th March 2011.

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Statement by the Ministry of Rural Development (Hungary):

In the last years lots of changes took place in fresh fruit and vegetables inspections. Some of these changes have not necessarily enhanced efficiency of inspections. Therefore the Hungarian EU presidency seems to be a good opportunity to analyse this issue and to think about the future. For this reason most of the subjects were chosen to have a wider outlook and to contribute to this goal.

Between the seminars there will be a technical visit to Hungarian producers and a border inspection point. You are also cordially invited by the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development to a dinner with wine tasting on the evening of 8th of March.

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Integrated Quality as a possibility to facilitate fruit and vegetables trade between OECD countries (third countries) and the European Union

8-10 March 2011

Venue of the meeting: Ministry of Rural Development, Budapest, Hungary

Monday, 7 March 2011		
	14h00 -17h00	Working Group Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onions: 14:00 – 15:20 • Citrus fruits: 15:40 – 17:00 (venue: Ministry of Rural Development)
	19h00	Welcoming dinner (venue: Hotel President)
Tuesday, 8 March 2011		
1	8:30	Registration
2	9:00	Opening Address <i>by (Vice) State Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development and the OECD Secretariat</i>
<i>SECTION I. REGULATION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES QUALITY AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL</i>		
3	9:20	Expectations and effects of compulsory rules of EU reform on trade <i>Presentation by the European Commission</i>
4	9:45	UN/ECE in the international work on quality standards: past, present and future <i>Presentation by the UNECE Secretariat</i>
5	10:10	Role of FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius in food standardisation <i>Presentation by the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Secretariat</i>
6	10:35	Common inspection system of OECD Scheme as a harmonised practice based on the common language <i>Presentation by the OECD Secretariat</i>
	11h00	Coffee break

<i>SECTION II.</i> <i>MAIN ASPECTS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES QUALITY</i>		
7	11:20	Variety as a basic of quality <i>a) Presentation by Central Agriculture Office, Plant Production and Horticulture Department</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
8	11:50	Phytosanitary and quality controls as the two main topics of fruit and vegetables inspection <i>a) Presentation by Israel</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
9	12:25	Dry and dried product quality <i>a) Presentation by Turkey</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
	<i>13h00</i>	Lunch break
10	14:30	Rules of increased official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin in EU <i>a) Presentation by the European Commission</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
11	14:50	Legal framework of 'post harvest' treatments <i>a) Presentation by Hungary</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
	<i>15:10</i>	Coffee break
<i>SECTION III.</i> <i>PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE</i>		
12	15:30	Experience of EU reform in Hungary from a commercial company point of view <i>a) Presentation by the Representative of Metro Company</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
13	16:00	Joint operation of food quality and safety inspection system <i>a) Presentation by Hungary</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
14	16:30	Advantages of application of Quality Standards in Agricultural Trade <i>a) Presentation by US</i> <i>b) discussion</i>
	17h00	Close of Session
	19:00	<i>Dinner and wine tasting (Nádor Restaurant)</i>

Wednesday, 9 March 2011		
	8:00-18h00	Technical visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio Fungi Kft., Áporka • Árpád Rt., Szentes • <i>(lunch at Szentes)</i> • Border inspection point, Rösztke
Thursday, 10 March 2011		
		<i>SECTION IV. EXPORT-IMPORT</i>
15	9h00	Effects of the EU reform on third country's export <i>Presentation by Israel</i>
16	9:30	Import checks of third countries in EU, applied standards <i>Presentation by Germany</i>
		SECTION V. STRUCTURE OF INSPECTION IN COUNTRIES
17	10h00	Structure of Inspection Service in Netherland <i>Presentation by the Netherlands</i>
18	10:20	Structure of Inspection Service in South Africa <i>Presentation by South Africa</i>
19	10:40	Structure of Inspection Service in France <i>Presentation by France</i>
20	11:00	Structure of Inspection Service in Germany <i>Presentation by Germany</i>
	11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
21	11:40	Integrated quality system under workout in OECD Scheme as a possibility to facilitate trade between the third countries and European Union <i>Presentation by Hungary</i>
	12:30	Lunch
22	14h00	Final discussion and conclusion
	15:30	Close of the Meeting

General Information

The contact person of the Meeting in Hungary is Mr. István Ecsedi (ecsed.istvan@ontsz.hu).

As the meeting is organised in the frame of the EU presidency, application and hotel reservation will be done through a dedicated webpage. In order to use this webpage, user names and passwords will be handed out later to Heads of delegations. In order to create your profile on this webpage, please send István Ecsedi a prior message (OECD registration form) about your intention of participating in the Meeting by 15 February 2011. Number of delegates from one country is restricted to 2 persons, in case additional person would join the meeting please inform the contact person.

There will be 3 hotels available each accessible on foot from the venue of the meeting. Prices vary between Euros 60-100. More technical details will be sent out in the course of the organisation.

Venue of the meeting: Ministry of Rural Development
Address: 1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 11; Hungary
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Language of the meeting: English

Miscellaneous information: Dinner with wine tasting offered by the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development on the evening on 8th March. Nádor Restaurant Address: 1051 Budapest, Nádor utca 30.

Transportation from Budapest Airport to Hotel:

By Taxi: You can take a taxi just outside of the airport hall to Hotel President. (It costs approximately Euros 21). Reservations can be made in person at Főtaxi booths located at the exit at Ferihegy 1, Ferihegy 2A and Ferihegy 2B terminals.

By minibus: You can take a minibus inside of the airport hall at the minibus desks.

(Reservations can be made in person at the Airport Shuttle-Minibus Desks or 24 hours before your flight departure via online reservation system (www.airportshuttle.hu), through travel agencies or by calling the Call Center by dialing the number (+36-1) 296-8555.)

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