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Regional Meeting will discuss Standards of Marketing and Commercial Quality Control of Dried Apricots

From 16th to 18th of May 2017, a meeting of the Regional Working Group including representatives from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan will take place in Khujand, Republic of Tajikistan. The regional meeting has the goal to develop the Explanatory Brochure in accordance with the UNECE Standard DDP-15 concerning marketing and commercial quality control of dried apricots produced in the Fergana Valley.

Representatives of relevant state institutions, business intermediary associations, as well the private sector - producers, processors and exporters of dried fruits of the region will participate in the Regional Working Group.

The participants of the meeting will discuss and jointly determine the contents of the Explanatory Brochure on dried apricots. Main goal is to agree on explanations regarding quality, maturity requirements, classification of Fergana Valley apricot, level of admission for quality, size, and appearance, labeling and packaging of products.

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