



# **Moving the SPS agenda forward**

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## SPS Agreement

Right to protect  
human, animal,  
plant life or health



Obligation to avoid  
unnecessary and  
unjustified barriers  
to trade



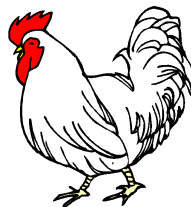
## Development of SPS measures

- SPS measures should *inter alia* be:
  - non-discriminatory
  - transparent
  - not more trade-restrictive than necessary
  - science-based (risk assessment)
- Harmonization – international standards

CODEX



OIE



IPPC





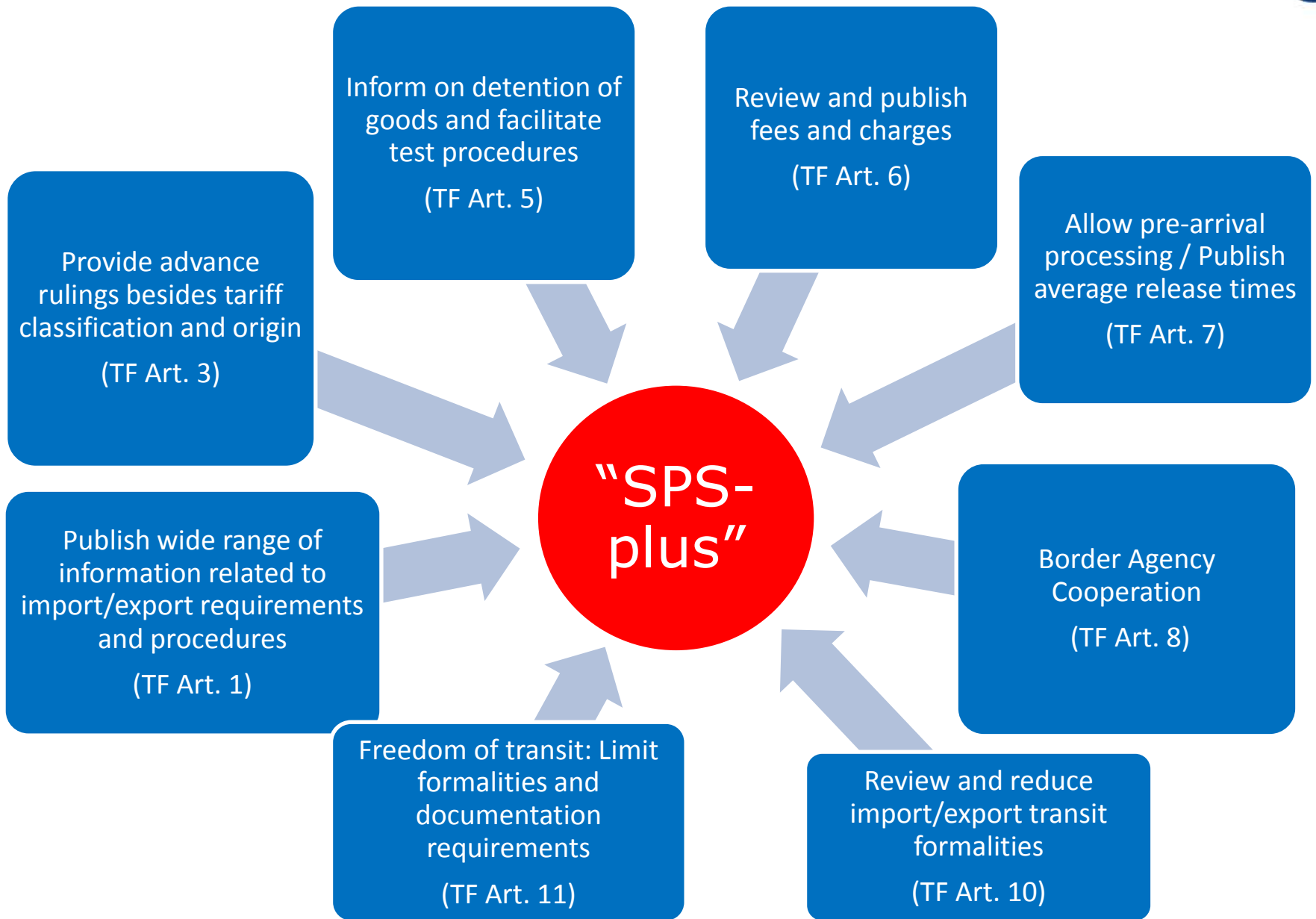
# Implementation of SPS measures

## Annex C

Avoid unnecessary trade disruption and costs when performing control, inspection and approval procedures

- no undue delays;
- information requirements limited to what is necessary;
- non-discriminatory fees;
- non-discrimination in siting of facilities/selection of samples;
- procedure to review complaints, take corrective action, etc.

***SPS Annex C closely linked to TFA***





# Moving the SPS agenda forward

Increase high-level awareness about importance of SPS investments

Assess and prioritize SPS needs using existing tools (FAO/WHO, OIE, IPPC)

Integrate SPS agenda with other areas of development cooperation

Improve quality and effectiveness of SPS measures (GRP) and minimize SPS trade costs

Involve private sector in improving SPS capacity

Establish regional networks (pests/diseases, diagnostic capacity, training, etc.)



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