



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



Provide advance rulings besides tariff classification and origin (TF Art. 3)

Inform on detention of goods and facilitate test procedures

(TF Art. 5)

Review and publish fees and charges
(TF Art. 6)

Allow pre-arrival processing / Publish average release times
(TF Art. 7)

Publish wide range of information related to import/export requirements and procedures

(TF Art. 1)

"SPSplus"

Border Agency Cooperation (TF Art. 8)

Freedom of transit: Limit formalities and documentation requirements

(TF Art. 11)

Review and reduce import/export transit formalities

(TF Art. 10)



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Increase high-level awareness about importance of SPS investments

Assess <u>and</u> 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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