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CAREC Trade Facilitation Learning Opportunity: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Expand Trade and Ensure Food Safety–Sharing the Baltic Experience



6-8 October 2014
Venue: Mongolia

Draft Program



Monday, 6 October	Participants: Approximately 50 participants from CAREC (National Focal Points, representatives of SPS regulatory agencies), EU, WTO STDF, FAO, UNDP, JICA, USAID, GIZ, ADB staff and SPS consultants, and resource persons from Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland.
0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0930	Welcoming Remarks Speakers: Mr. Chuluunbat Ochirbat, Vice Minister for Economic Development of Mongolia, and CAREC National Focal Point Mr. Aladdin Rillo, Senior Economist, Capacity Building and Training, ADB Institute Mr. Henk de Pauw, Team Leader, EuropeAid Support to Modernisation of Mongolia Standardisation System Project
0930 – 1000	Trade Facilitation in the Context of the SPS Agreement: Lessons and Experiences Speaker: Mr. Melvin Spreij, Counsellor, Secretary of Standards and Trade Development Facility, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization Discussion
1000 – 1015	Coffee Break and Photo Session
1015 – 1045	Introducing the Baltic Experience in Modernizing SPS Measures: Highlights from a World Bank study Speaker: Mr. Giorgio Magistrelli, Moderator 20 minute presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of legal reform • Extent of regulatory agency restructuring • Nature and extent of development partner support (EU, World Bank, FAO, OIE, etc.) • Time horizon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs and cost breakdown (physical investments, training programs, etc.) • Lessons for CAREC (regional cooperation between Baltic countries to share experience during the transition?) • Introducing the Baltic leaders of SPS modernization
<p>1045 – 1300</p>	<p>Panel Presentation and Discussion</p> <p>Panelists: Representatives of the SPS transition teams from Latvia and Lithuania</p> <p>Mr. Vidmantas Paulauskas, Deputy Director of State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania</p> <p>Ms. Biruta Amolina, Head of Foreign Relations and International Project Management Division, Food and Veterinary Service, Latvia</p> <p>Overviews of each country’s experience in modernizing SPS measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • major changes in the standards control system • what was done with GOST standards? • major changes in inspection programs and laboratory system • public funding of the SPS system • most challenging aspects of the transition, • extent of private sector involvement/consultation • how resistance to reform was overcome • how transition costs were funded • what could have been done better <p>Discussion (moderated by Giorgio Magistrelli) (75 minutes)</p>
<p>1300 – 1430</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>1430 – 1600</p>	<p>Impact of SPS Modernization on Trade: A Private Sector Perspective</p> <p>Speakers: Mongolia-based Representatives of food importers and exporters</p> <p>Ms. L. Bolor, Chief Executive Officer of “Makh Market” LLC, Mongolia-based representative of food exporters</p> <p>Mr. Ramiz Akhundov, Deputy Secretary General, International Association of Shippers of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Mr. Ge Ju, Deputy Secretary-General, Xinjiang Uygur Logistics Association, People’s Republic of China</p> <p>Industry perspectives on adapting to modernized SPS measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • most anticipated challenges of the transition, • main gaps in private capacity • survival and liquidation of enterprises • costs and benefits for importers and exports (expedited border crossing? More rapid laboratory testing? Quicker release to market? Improved climate-controlled warehousing? Improved

	<p>treatment of transit traffic? Reduced administrative burden?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges of coping at the same time with international standards for customers in western markets and GOST standards for customers in countries of the former Soviet Union Desired frequency of engagement with regulatory agencies during the transition and support required to enable traders to comply with modernized SPS measures <p>Discussion (moderated by Giorgio Magistrelli) (30 minutes)</p>
1600 – 1615	Coffee Break
1615 – 1730	<p>Introduction of RETA 8386 and ADB CAREC SPS Consultants</p> <p>(i) Ms. Cristina Lozano, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CAREC Trade Facilitation team, East Asia Department, ADB – overview of ADB support for SPS Modernization in CAREC, presentation of RETA 8386, and introduction of consultant team;</p> <p>(ii) Mr. Richard Moody, Team Leader/ Trade Facilitation and SPS Lead Expert, ADB CAREC Consulting team, mid-term review and next steps</p>
1900	Depart Hotel for Train Station
2050	Depart Ulaanbaatar for Zamiin-Uud
Tuesday, 7 October	
0850	Arrive Zamiin-Uud (breakfast aboard train)
0915 – 0930	Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Robert Schoellhammer, Country Director, ADB Mongolia Resident Mission
0930 – 1000	<p>Sharing of CPMM data analysis at CAREC border crossing points</p> <p>Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CAREC Trade Facilitation team, East Asia Department, ADB</p>
1000 – 1300	<p>Briefings by Border Management Officials on latest developments, cooperation with PRC counterparts, visit to site of Regional Logistics Center</p> <p>Speaker: S. Nyamdorj, Senior State Inspector, General Agency for Specialized Inspection</p>
1300 – 1400	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Board bus for field visit</p>
1400 – 1700	<p>Field Visit to Zamiin-Uud Border Crossing Point</p> <p>observations of border management procedures for shipments subject to SPS measures</p>
1900	Dinner
2100	Depart Zamiin-Uud for Ulaanbaatar
Wednesday, 8 October	
1100	Return to Ulaanbaatar (breakfast aboard train), Check in to Hotel
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1500	CAREC Country Updates – presentations and discussion

	<p>Speakers: CAREC country representatives</p> <p>Ten 10 minute presentations</p> <p>Briefings will cover plans, initial progress, and next steps in modernizing SPS measures</p> <p>Discussion (moderated by Giorgio Magistrelli) (30 minutes)</p>
1500 – 1515	Coffee Break
1515 – 1600	<p>Development Partner Presentations on Support for SPS Modernization: Experience Elsewhere and Willingness/Ability to Consider CAREC Proposals</p> <p>Seven 10-12 minute presentations, reflecting on and responding to CAREC country presentations</p> <p>Speakers: EU, WTO STDF, FAO, UNDP, JICA, USAID, GIZ</p>
1600 – 1715	<p>Lessons Learned: Replicating Best Practices from the Baltic Experience in CAREC – Reflections and Proposed Next Steps from CAREC Participants</p> <p>Speakers: CAREC country representatives</p> <p>Ten 5 minute statements reflecting on the Baltic experience and proposing next steps for CAREC</p> <p>Moderators: Ms. Cristina Lozano, ADB Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF</p> <p>A conversation with participants on how best to mobilize political will, involve all stakeholders, develop appropriate strategies and implementation plans, and foster interagency cooperation to modernize SPS measures in CAREC.</p>
1715 – 1730	<p>Concluding Remarks and Observations</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Aladdin Rillo, ADBI Mr. Jeff Procak, ADB</p>