

CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade Facilitation

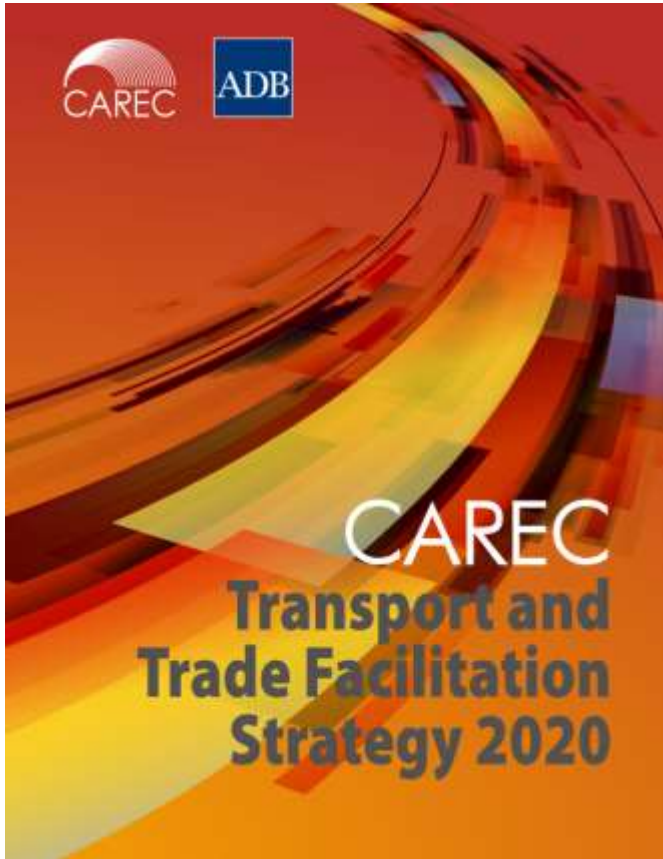


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I. Rationale



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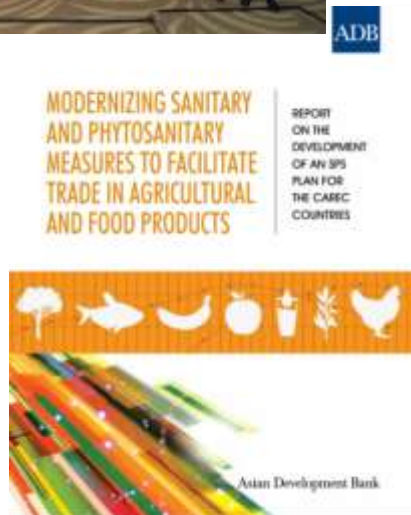
...advocates a regional initiative to harmonize and upgrade SPS measures to facilitate trade in agri-food products within and beyond the CAREC region

CAREC Initiating Activities



CAREC SPS Workshop
(July 2012, Bangkok)

CAREC SPS Publication
(May 2013)



<http://www.adb.org/publications/modernizing-sps-measures-facilitate-trade-agricultural-and-food-products>

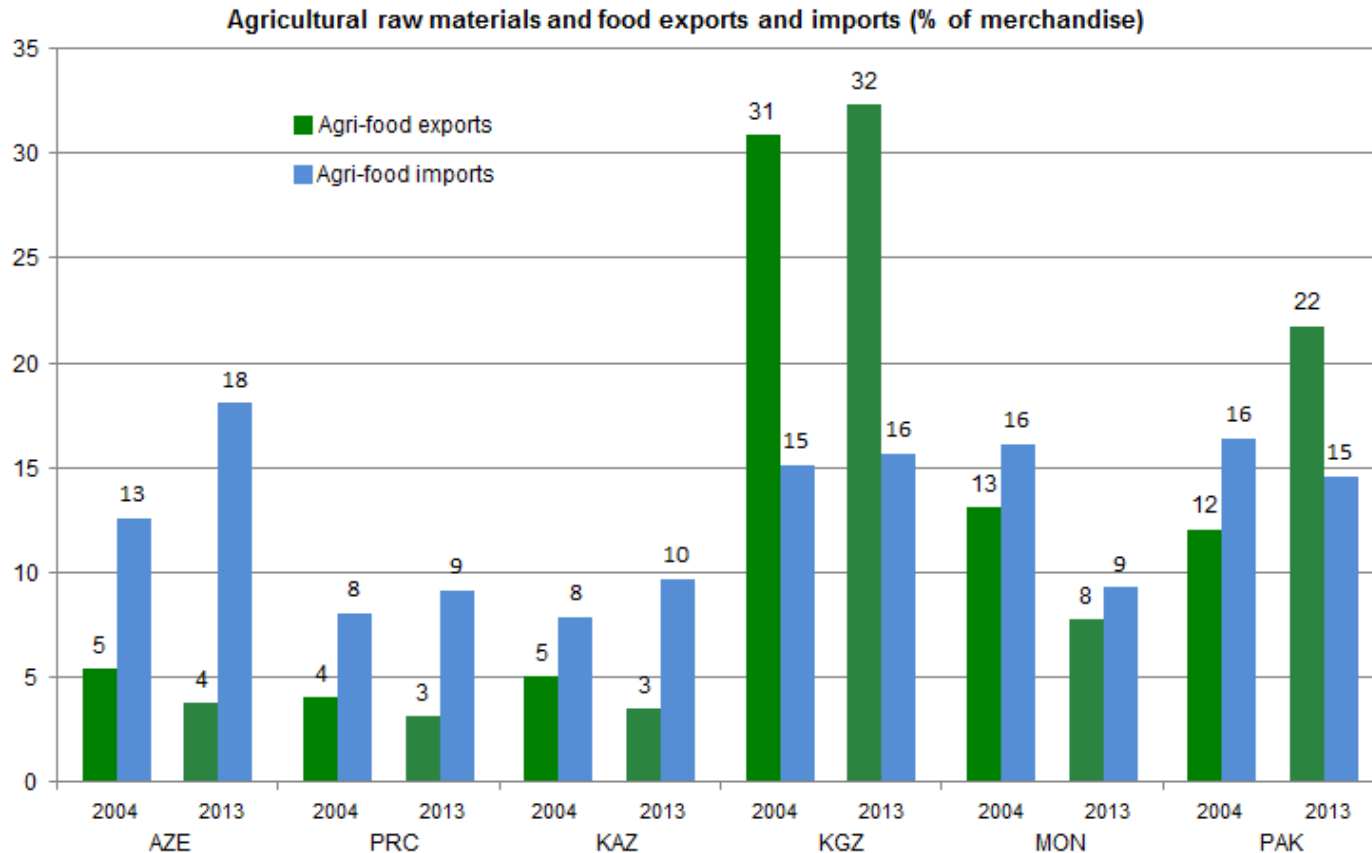
CAREC SPS Learning Opportunity
(October 2014, Mongolia)

CAREC Learning Opportunity: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Expand Trade and Ensure Food Safety
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia: 6-8 October 2014



Regional Technical Assistance:
Promoting Cooperation in SPS
Measures for CAREC
(2013–2015)

Why SPS is important for CAREC



Source: World Development Indicators

II. Objectives

- promote concerted reforms and modernization of SPS measures consistent with international standards to facilitate safe trade; and
- identify and prioritize investment needs



III. Assessments

A. Regulatory



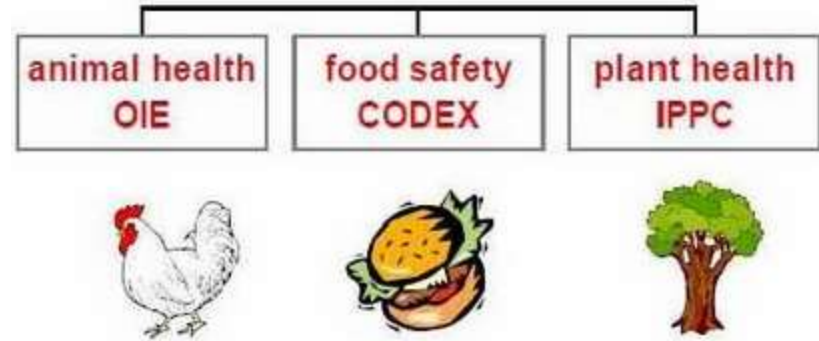
B. Laboratory Capacity

• ISO/IEC 17025 – Testing and Calibration

C. SPS Border Services Management

III.A. Regulatory Assessment

- Lacking comprehensive national strategy
- Slow compliance with the WTO SPS Agreement
- GOST standards



III.B. Laboratory Capacity Assessment

- Lacking testing/sampling capacity
- Laboratories in poor condition, unable to implement surveillance, and early detection
- Lacking recommended standard equipment and/or procedures



III.C. SPS Border Services Management Assessment

- SPS services have been dealt with in an ad hoc manner
- Lacking the capacity to prevent introduction of animal diseases and contaminated animal products
- Overlapping, excessive inspections and delays, inadequacy of general management



III.C. SPS Border Services Management Assessment

- Hindered by technical deficiencies and **inadequate infrastructure**



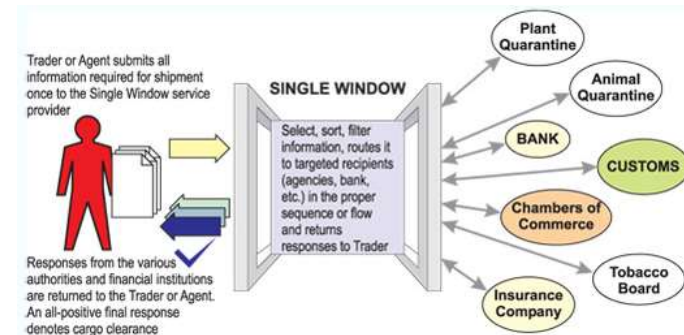
IV. Key Recommendations

- Prepare a national strategy in accordance with international standards
- Establish risk-based categories and criteria
- Embark on central laboratories accreditation in accordance with ISO standards
- Consider regional laboratory for international exchange of information
- Upgrade laboratories, harmonize procedures, and provide training



IV. Key Recommendations

- Raise awareness on economic benefits of compliance with SPS requirements
- Adoption of mutual recognition amongst CAREC countries
- Develop a border management strategy based on coordinated border management cooperation
- Establish a single electronic window ensuring active participation of SPS agencies



V. Progress

Mongolia: Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade Facilitation Project



Outputs

- Upgrade central and regional laboratory capacity in 5 aimags
- Enhance border protection by upgrading SPS handling facilities and providing inspection equipment in 4 major BCPs
- Establish SPS data and document management system to avoid duplication of documents and for an efficient processing of agri-food products import and export
- Align SPS control and inspections with international standards

Cost: \$16 million (ADF)

VI. Next Steps

1. Consider possible initiation of a Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade Facilitation (CA-SPS) at the 14th Ministerial Conference
2. Report each country's feedback on the CA-SPS and determine the course of further actions at the special NFP meeting in August
3. Work with ADB and other development partners to formulate/implement investment and TA projects to modernize SPS measures



**SPS message for
CAREC 2015:**

**Safer Food,
Better Trade**



Thank You!
Спасибо!

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