



CAREC SPS Workplan 2021-2023

Interventions	Description	Participating Countries	Implementation Period	Status and Proposals	Agencies and/or Development Partners
Regional Policy Dialogues					
One-Health Approach	Dialogue between CAREC SPS working group and CAREC health sector group	Regional	2022	Proposed	ADB, WHO, OIE
Good Regulatory Practice	WTO's Good Regulatory Practice for SPS regulators (under development)	Interested countries	2022-2023	Proposed, after regional dialogue follow-up capacity-building could be organized at country level	WTO
Capacity building					
Horticulture value chain development and cross-border trade	Support the participation of CAREC in global and regional value chains (e.g., agricultural value chain in the Fergana valley)	KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, TKM, UZB	2019-2022	Ongoing: Pilot SPS work for Fergana countries jointly supported by ADB and USAID CTJ; pest surveillance pilot in UZB led by USAID-CTJ. Completed: trainings on PRA and pest surveillance (2019-2020); trainings on plant quarantine legislation, phytosanitary risk management and plant clinics for UZB (2021)	CAREC NPPOs, USAID-CTJ, EPPO, IPPC, ADB
Implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures	Training on establishment of pest free areas	KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, TKM, UZB	2021	Proposed. To be supported by USAID-CTJ and ADB	CAREC NPPOs, USAID-CTJ, EPPO, ADB
	Support for establishment of pest free areas, including trainings	AZE	2021	Proposed	AZE Food Safety Agency and Ministry of Agriculture

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	Support for development of pest listing policy and strategy	AFG	2022	Proposed	AFG MAIL
Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs)	Strengthen cooperation and information exchange on TADs including through OIE reference laboratories or twinning activities	regional	2021-2022	Completed: International exchange and training on animal and plant quarantine organized by PRC Customs (2019)	PRC Customs; OIE
	Central Asia Animal Health Network	KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, TKM, UZB;	2021-2023	Ongoing: KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, TKM, UZB	OIE, FAO, WTO
	OIE roadmaps to eradicate Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) through training, disease-free zones, control programs	interested countries			OIE, FAO, WTO
	Support for surveillance of animal diseases	AFG	2021-2023	Proposed	AFG MAIL
	Joint control of animal diseases and border coordination and improving traceability	KGZ, MON and interested countries	2021-2023	Proposed	KGZ SPS NWG; MON GAVS; OIE, FAO, WTO
Adopting food safety management and inspections systems	Piloting cost-effective simplified modern risk-based food safety management and inspections systems	TKM	2019-2021	Ongoing: Trainers' training modules being developed. Completed: Physical workshop on risk-based food safety management and inspection (2019)	TKM SPS NWG
	Online modules on the pilot food safety management	Regional	2022	Proposed	
Strengthening food safety	Training on maximum residue level and ISO 22000; training of trainers on standards, inspection and certification; training on food safety network capacity, online information sharing	AFG	2021-2023		AFG SPS NWG, ADB; CAC

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	Pilot food traceability system	AZE	2021	Ongoing	ADB SDCC and AZE FSA
	Support in developing plans and criteria for selecting food safety parameters subject to international accreditation	TAJ	2021-2022	Proposed by TAJ MOA	TAJ MOA
<i>Alignment of legislations with the WTO SPS Agreement</i>					
Plant quarantine legislation	Policy advice and technical support in incorporating IPPC principles in national plant quarantine law	AZE, MON, PAK, TKM, TAJ, UZB	2019-2021	Proposed: TAJ. Postponed seminar for PAK due to travel restrictions. Completed: MON (2018), PAK (2019), TKM (2019), UZB (2021)	AZE, MON, PAK, TAJ, TKM, UZB SPS NWGs
SPS risk assessment	Training on risk assessment for animal by-products	GEO	2021	Actual training postponed due to travel restrictions, training modules completed (2020); Completed: Review of legislation and policy advice on risk assessment and categorization for MON (2019)	GEO SPS NWG
	Formulating risk-based SPS measures through risk assessment and categorization	TAJ	2021-2022	Proposed by TAJ MOA	TAJ MOA
	Support for risk analysis for SPS agencies	UZB	2022-2023	Proposed by UZB MIFT	UZB MIFT
Food safety legislation	Mandatory standards for HACCP, GMP, GAP	AFG	2022	Proposed	AFG MAIL
<i>Supporting SPS NWGs</i>					

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Implementation of national SPS priorities and action plans	Tailor-fit training on emerging trade/SPS issues, requirements of the SPS Agreement, development of 3-year action plan, training for plant protection and animal health departments on diagnostics, sampling, testing and animal inspection in slaughterhouses	AFG	2018-2022	Postponed due to travel restrictions. Proposed training for plant protection and animal health departments: (i) PCR in diagnosis; (ii) DNA and RNA extraction documentation analysis of data; (iii) selection of Antibody; (iv) methodology for inspection sampling, analysis, and result validation; (v) system of Certification; (vi) HPLC and GC Mas principle and Installation; (vii) GMO testing; (viii) scientific analysis of risk; (ix) pesticide and antibiotic residue, toxins, heavy metal test in agricultural and livestock products; (x) examination of animals in slaughterhouses	AFG SPS NWG, MAIL
	Guidelines for importing food products	KGZ	2018-2022	Ongoing	KGZ SPS NWG
	Tailor-fit capacity building such as specialists' internships in developed countries, including on resolution of trade disputes under WTO rules on the application of SPS measures	KGZ	2022	Proposed by KGZ MOE	KGZ MOE, SPS NWG
	Adopting general standards, guidelines and recommendations on SPS measures as national standards	MON	2022-2023	Proposed	MON MFA
	Reactivation of SPS NWGs	MON, PAK, TAJ	2021-2022	Proposed	CAREC NFPs, SPS agencies

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	Support for the development of a comprehensive national SPS strategy	TAJ	2021-2022	Proposed by TAJ MOA. Key priorities include (i) implementation of basic principles of the WTO SPS Agreement; (ii) incorporating IPPC principles in national plant quarantine law; and (iii) developing national quarantine and regulated non-quarantine pest lists	TAJ MOA
	Institutional building for the integration of plant protection and quarantine functions under SPQI	UZB	2021-2022	Ongoing: Policy advice on the institutional division/framework regarding integration of plant protection and quarantine functions under SPQI	UZB SPQI
Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA)	Training in using P-IMA as a tool to prioritize SPS investments	Regional	2021-2022	Proposed. Ongoing: TAJ	WTO, ADB, CAREC Institute
Digital SPS or e-certificates					
Adopting ePhyto solutions	Business process analysis (feasibility study) to participate in ePhyto solutions	GEO, MON, PAK	2021-2022	Proposed	CAREC NPPOs, IPPC, WTO, ADB
	Technical support or knowledge-sharing for migrating into e-SPS/ePhyto	GEO, MON, PAK	2021-2022	Proposed	CAREC NPPOs, IPPC, WTO, ADB
e-veterinary certification	Consideration of e-veterinary certification (pilot or assessment)	MON, PAK	2022-2023	Proposed	WTO, OIE, MON MFA
Single electronic database for documents related to SPS controls	Establishment of single electronic database for documents related to SPS controls of good traded among CAREC countries	Regional	2022-2023	Proposed by AZE State Customs Committee	CCC and SPS RWG
	Real time updating of information in the database	Regional	2022-2023	Proposed by AZE State Customs Committee	CCC and SPS RWG

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<i>Knowledge products</i>					
Knowledge-Sharing Module on CAREC Trade: Facilitating Trade Through Digital Certification	E-learning module on digital phytosanitary certification to be disseminated to SPS working groups.	REG	2021	Developed by WTO, ADB and CAREC Institute and will be accessible via CAREC Institute e-learning platform and CAREC Program website. Proposed: CAREC countries to disseminate and discuss at national level	ADB, CAREC Institute, WTO
Policy brief on SPS digital certificate	Analysis on the readiness of CAREC countries on digital SPS certificates, lessons from PRC and UZB	REG	2021	Ongoing: Draft policy brief for release. Proposed: Feasibility analysis for interested CAREC country	ADB, CAREC Institute, WTO, IPPC
<i>Investment projects</i>					
Regional Upgrades for SPS Measures for Trade (RUST) project	The project includes alignment of SPS measures with WTO agreement and upgrade of inspection management system applying risk assessment tools.	MON	2016-2021	Construction works to upgrade veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety laboratories, quarantine and inspection facilities underway.	MON
	Facilities for the Food and Drug Authority, slaughterhouses in other provinces, veterinary medicine in control laboratories and laboratory accreditation for ISO9001 and ISO17025; quarantine treatment centers	AFG	2022-2023	Proposed	AFG MAIL
	Modernization of AFG-UZB border posts and laboratories	AFG, UZB	2022-2023	Proposed by UZB SPQI	UZB SPQI
	Modernization of AFG-PAK (Chaman and Torkham) border posts and laboratories	AFG, PAK	2022-2023	Proposed by PAK MOC	PAK MOC

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	Modernization of laboratories, establishment of quarantine and storage facilities and application of risk-based inspection	TAJ	2021-2023	Proposed by TAJ MOA. Priorities include (i) modernization of state veterinary laboratories (mastering enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), polymerase chain reaction (PCR)); and (ii) Modernization of standardization, quality assurance, accreditation and metrology (SQAM)	TAJ MOA
Joint border control	Scoping for joint border control, (including SPS component) at the Abreshumis Gza-Ipek Yolu-Silk road BCP (AZE-GEO)	AZE, GEO	2021	Scoping for potential regional improvement of border services or regional upgrades for SPS measures for trade	GRS
Needs assessment	borders infrastructure development, including laboratory capacity and cold-chain facilities	AFG, PAK	2020–2022	Proposed: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) of PAK confirmed Torkham border. Draft: initial scoping paper for AFG (2020). Identified needs: AFG – quarantine facilities; PAK – border quarantine, food safety inspection and testing facilities; management and technical manpower for quick biosecurity and food safety clearances; cold chain facilities	AFG MAIL, PAK FBR and MNFSR
<i>Bilateral Cooperation Initiatives</i>					
Protocols for acceptance of import/export agri-food products				Signed or underway PRC with UZB/KAZ /KGZ/TAJ; UZB with KAZ/KGZ/TKM; TKM with PAK	

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Mutual recognition	Promoting mutual recognition of the equivalence of the application of SPS measures between CAREC countries	KGZ, interested countries	2022	Proposed by KGZ MOE	KGZ MOE, SPS NWG
	Assistance for implementation of uniform laboratory research methods, including mutual recognition of conformity assessments	KGZ, interested countries	2022	Proposed by KGZ MOE	KGZ MOE, SPS NWG
Consultation mechanisms	Consultation mechanisms for SPS measures introduced by CAREC member countries	KGZ, interested countries	2022	Proposed by KGZ MOE	KGZ MOE, SPS NWG

Acronyms:

ADB – Asian Development Bank
 AFG – Afghanistan
 AZE – Azerbaijan
 CAC – Codex Alimentarius Commission
 CCC – Customs Cooperation Committee
 EPPO – European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization
 FSA – Food Safety Agency
 GAP – Good Agricultural Practice
 GAVS – General Authority of Veterinary Services
 GMP – Good Manufacturing Practice
 GEO – Georgia
 GRS – Georgia Revenue Service
 HACCP – Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points
 IPPC – International Plant Protection Convention
 KAZ – Kazakhstan
 KGZ – Kyrgyz Republic
 MAIL – Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
 MIFT – Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade
 MOA – Ministry of Agriculture
 MOC – Ministry of Commerce
 MOE – Ministry of Economy and Finance

MNFSR – Ministry of National Food Security and Research

MON – Mongolia

MRLs – Maximum Residue Levels

NPPOs – National Plant Protection Organization

NWGs – National Working Groups

OIE – World Organisation for Animal Health

PAK – Pakistan

PRC – People's Republic of China

SPS RWG – Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Regional Working Group

TKM – Turkmenistan

USAID-CTJ – U.S. Agency for International Development Competitiveness, Trade and Jobs activity in Central Asia

UZB – Uzbekistan

WTO – World Trade Organization