



Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in the Republic of Tajikistan

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I. Legal Framework for SPS Measures

A. International Agreements

- WTO SPS Agreement;
- International Plant Protection Convention;
- Codex Alimentarius;
- International Health Regulations (2005).

B. National Laws and Regulations

- RT Law On Ensuring Sanitary and Epidemiologic Safety of Population No. 49 of 08.12.2003;
- RT Law On Plant Quarantine No.498 of 26.03.2009;
- Law On Population Health Protection No.522 of 19.05.2009;
- Law on Veterinary No.674 of 09.12.2010;
- International legal acts recognized by Tajikistan.

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

A. *Name of government agency involved in SPS*

State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance Service, MOH RT;
State Phytosanitary and Plant Quarantine Inspection Service, MOA RT;
State Veterinary Inspection Service, MOA RT.

- *SPS function of the agency*

Sanitary and epidemiological surveillance;
Veterinary inspection;
Phytosanitary surveillance and plant quarantine.

- *Regulations promulgated by the agency; year; status of implementation*

On Technical Standardization No.522 of 19.05.2009;
On Quality and Safety of Food No.54, 2002 (revised in 2012)
Sanitary Standards and Rules; Sanitary and Veterinary Standards and Rules

- *SPS practices (e.g., sampling, inspection, testing, limiting risks) by the agency*

Inspection of quarantineable materials, sampling for testing when required.

- *SPS facility (e.g., laboratory, quarantine) of the agency*

Phytosanitary and Plant Protection Laboratory;
Sanitary Chemical Laboratory
Sanitary Bacteriological Laboratory
National veterinary laboratory

III. SPS Risk Assessment and Border Procedures

Physical Inspection – mandatory? risk-based?

- Risk-based sanitary inspection of vehicles and food shipments.
- Physical inspection when necessary.

Laboratory testing – mandatory? risk-based? at border? inland?

Laboratory testing is risk-based.

Handling and treatment of perishables: cool-/cold-chain integrity maintained?

Freezer vehicles are checked for temperature regime.

Availability of compliance certificates and goods documentation.

Measures taken to minimize time in transit of perishables:

Use of express-testing methods.

- ***type of SPS inspections (e.g., veterinary, sanitary)***

Sanitary/hygienic, phytosanitary, and veterinary

IV. Initiatives on SPS Measures: Current and Planned

A. Regulatory Amendments

- ***list of ongoing revisions to 'I. National Laws or Regulations on SPS Measures '***
- *Amendments to the Law On Ensuring Sanitary and Epidemiologic Safety of Population of 26.12.2011 . Articles 26-1;26-5*
- ***list of new SPS Laws or Regulations currently being drafted or proposed***
- Law On Food Safety – revised and approved in June 2012;
- Law On Population Health Protection is in the process of revision.

B. Programs and Projects on SPS

-name of the program/project, implementation period, funding source

*One Health Central Asia Regional Project financed by the World Bank.
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V. Proposals for Regional Cooperation on SPS Measures

Mutual recognition of laboratory testing results?

Establish an expert laboratory for joint research, using international investment.

Priority handling of perishables at border crossing points?

Application of food quality testing methodologies;

Check of accompanying documents availability.

Joint SPS management at borders?

Establish a coordinating body.

CAREC SPS Working Group?

Establish regional working group to address disputable SPS issues;

Implement regulations in practice;

Introduce HACCP methodologies.

What are your priorities?

Training of skilled specialists.

Improving legislation in line with international standards.

Develop and implement training programs on products quality testing methodologies, with donors' assistance.

THANK YOU

