



STANDARDS *and* TRADE
DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

A global partnership to facilitate safe trade

Emerging global issues in SPS and Trade

CAREC SPS week

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WTO SPS Agreement

Recognizing
Members' **right** to
protect human,
animal or plant life
or health



Obligation to
avoid
unnecessary
barriers to trade



International Plant
Protection Convention

Emerging trends

- Global value chains
- Regional integration/S-S trade
- Small and medium enterprises/gender/youth
- Reducing trade costs (TFA)
- Digitization/new technology
- Climate change/environment



COVID-19

Highlights and reinforces need to strengthen SPS capacity as global public good:

- Economic recovery
- Long-term resilience against future outbreaks of pests and diseases

Shaping a Safer World: [STDF film](#)



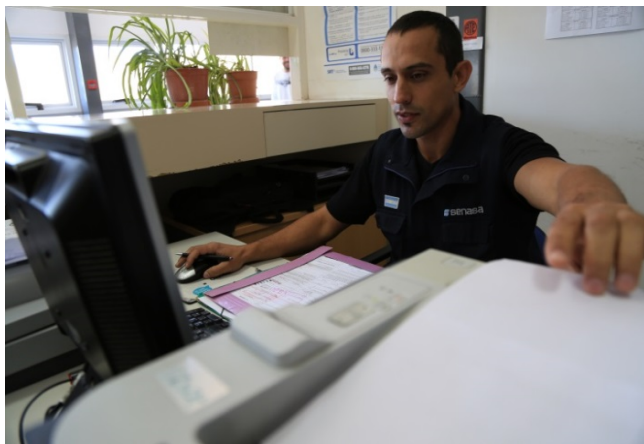
What's next?



Use international standards and ensure SPS measures are “fit for purpose”

Reduce SPS-related trade costs and enhance cooperation between customs and SPS agencies

Identify automation needs within SPS systems (surveillance, eCert, etc.) and build IT capacity



Improve risk management/prioritization and (eventually) link SPS systems to customs and others (Single Window)

Enhance coordination across SPS agencies, and with the private sector, and develop national SPS strategy/action plan

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