

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program



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Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures— A priority area in CAREC 2030 strategy



Trade, Tourism, &
Economic
Corridors Cluster



Agriculture &
Water Cluster

- help member countries in implementing **WTO SPS agreement**
- **align SPS measures with international standards**
- build capacity to improve product quality and diversity and shipment linkages
- support for **transboundary animal disease control**
- develop a **CAREC food safety network** and a common quality control system

Modernized SPS Measures – supports integration in the global economy

Strategic and Coordinated Approach



Policy Dialogue, Coordination, and Cooperation



CAREC SPS Measures Week: *Facilitating Safe and Sustainable Trade in the CAREC Region* (April 2021)



CAREC SPS Work Plan 2021–2023



CAREC Trade cluster

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Common Challenges in CAREC Countries



Uncoordinated policies and unrealized **potential for integration**



Inadequate SPS capacity to **facilitate safe trade**



Untapped market access **for agriculture exports**

Plant Health

- Inadequate understanding of import phytosanitary requirements and pest risks through trade
- Lack of pest distribution data as basis for regulated pest lists
- Inadequate capacity for risk-based inspection and border controls
- Electronic phytosanitary certification to be incorporated into single window, etc.

Animal Health

- Lack of animal identification – prerequisite for disease surveillance & control strategy, zoning
- Lack of policy coordination
- Inadequate secondary legislation

Food Safety

- Inadequate legislation and capacity to adopt risk-based food safety measures such as hazard analysis critical control points (HACCP)
- Need to develop food traceability system
- Achieving balance between risk mitigation and trade facilitation

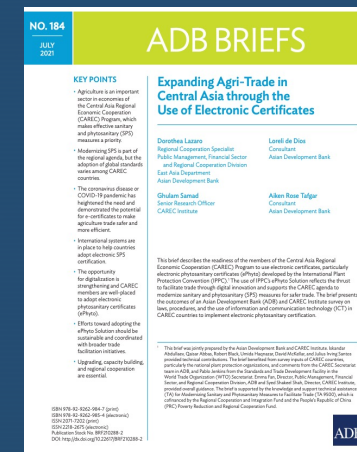
Capacity Building and Advisory



ADB-CAREC Institute e-learning modules



Research and policy briefs



CAREC SPS Action Plan 2022–2023: *Strengthening Phytosanitary Measures*

Digitalization



Business process analysis for
migrating to ePhyto

Integration with the National Single
Window

Feasibility studies



Upgrade of laboratories
Border infrastructure and
inspection facilities

Capacity-building



Implementation of ISPMs (pest free
areas, pest listing)

Supporting SPS working groups

Implementing national SPS strategy
and action plan

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