

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program



Session 6: Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030

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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 Trade cluster

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



CAREC SPS Work Plan 2021–2023

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



Knowledge Products and Services

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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MODERNIZING SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) MEASURES TO FACILITATE TRADE

in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries

CHALLENGES

- Uncoordinated policies and unrealized potential for integration
- Inadequate SPS capacity to facilitate safe trade
- Untapped market access for agriculture exports

POLICY COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

- SPS National Working Groups**: Develop national SPS strategies and priority action plans
- SPS Regional Working Group**: Oversees CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measure for Trade

INVESTMENT PROJECTS

Mongolia: Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade Project

- Upgrading of labs and border inspection facilities
- Aligning SPS with international standards
- Adopting risk-based inspection

CAPACITY BUILDING AND ADVISORY SUPPORT

6 high-level dialogues, 7 regional and 7 national workshops on:

- Risk management
- Border controls
- Animal disease management
- E-certificates
- Food safety standards
- Laboratory facilities
- Plant pest surveillance

1,280 BENEFITED FROM KNOWLEDGE EVENTS IN 2018-2021

Category	Percentage
Specialists	15.8%
Inspectors	39.3%
Others	43.5%
Policy makers	1.4%

93% Reported better understanding of SPS issues, on average

22% Female
78% Male

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

- Report on SPS Capacity Assessment in CAREC
- Policy brief on Expanding Agri-Trade in Central Asia through Electronic Certificates
- E-learning module on Digital SPS Certification