



Asian Development Bank
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program
Workshop on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
25 – 26 July 2012, Intercontinental Hotel
Bangkok, Thailand

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25 July 2012 Wednesday	Participants: Approximately 30 from CAREC member countries
0900 – 0920	Registration
0920 – 0930	Welcome Remarks Speaker: Mr. Craig Steffensen , ADB Country Director for Thailand
0930 – 0945	Opening Remarks Speaker: Mr. Ying Qian , Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank Brief introduction on objectives of the workshop, new initiative on SPS and plans for further strengthening regional cooperation.
0945 – 1000	CAREC 2020 Program Speaker: Mr. Ronald A. Butiong , Head, CAREC Unit, Central and West Asia Department, ADB Presentation on CAREC overview, recent developments and future directions.
1000 – 1015	Photo Session
1015 – 1030	Coffee Break
1030 – 1130	Result of the SPS Assessment of CAREC Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mongolia - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyz Republic - Republic of Uzbekistan - People's Republic of China Speaker: Mr. Rob Black , SPS Expert
1130 – 1200	Questions and Answers/Responses to Questions Received in Advance
1200 – 1330	LUNCH

1330 – 1400	<p>World Trade Organization SPS Agreement*</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Melvin Spreij, Counsellor Secretary to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Agriculture and Commodities Division WTO</p>
1400 – 1430	Questions and Answers
1430 – 1500	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) SPS Experience</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Yongfan Piao, Senior Plant Protection Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p>
1500 – 1515	Coffee Break
1515 – 1530	Questions and Answers
1530 – 1600	<p>Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Program SPS Experience</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Sununtar Setboonsarng, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, Southeast Asia Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, Asian Development Bank</p>
1600 – 1615	Questions and Answers
1615 – 1645	<p>Future of SPS in CAREC: Best Practices and International Experience: Models for Strengthening Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Rob Black, SPS Expert</p>
1645 – 1700	Questions and Answers
26 June 2012 Thursday	Participants: Approximately 30 from CAREC member countries
<p>Each country not visited in the SPS Assessment will make a 15 minute presentation on the SPS policies and practices in their respective countries; on-going SPS programs; and future plans of their respective governments to resolve SPS issues to facilitate trade.</p>	
0915 – 0930	<p>SPS in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Speaker: Country representative</p>
0930 – 0945	<p>SPS in Tajikistan</p> <p>Speaker: Country representative</p>
0945 – 1000	<p>SPS in Pakistan</p> <p>Speaker: Country representative</p>

1000 – 1015	SPS in Turkmenistan Speaker: Country representative
1015 – 1030	SPS in Afghanistan Speaker: Country representative
1030 – 1045	Coffee break
1045 – 1130	Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Speaker: Mr. Melvin Spreij , Counsellor Secretary to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Agriculture and Commodities Division WTO
1130 – 1230	STDF film: "Trading Safely: Protecting health, promoting development"
1230 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1515	Possible Next Steps to Facilitate Trade through Regional Cooperation Part 1: Modernize Implementation of SPS Measures OPEN FORUM
1515 – 1530	Coffee Break
1530 – 1615	Possible Next Steps to Facilitate Trade through Regional Cooperation Part 2: Identify Investments in SPS to Facilitate Trade OPEN FORUM
1615 – 1700	Synthesis and Adoption of Next Key Steps
1700 – 1715	Closing Remarks Speaker: Mr. Ying Qian , Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

* Amongst the 10 participating countries in the CAREC Program, four are members of the WTO (i.e., Pakistan, Mongolia, Kyrgyz Republic, and PRC); five are observer governments (i.e., Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan); and one (i.e., Turkmenistan) is neither a member country nor an observer government.

* Kazakhstan is a member of the Customs Union which will be affected by Russia's accession to WTO – 16 December 2011 8th Ministerial approved accession package. Russia has ratified the Accession Package and submitted the instruments of ratification to the WTO Secretariat: Russia's official membership will be confirmed by 22 August 2012.