



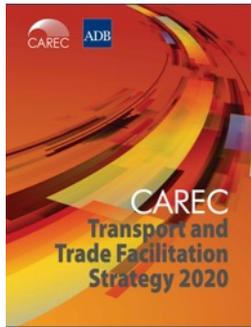
CAREC SPS Measures Week and Proposals for SPS Work Plan

2nd Meeting of the CAREC Sanitary and
Phytosanitary (SPS) Regional Working Group
27 April 2021

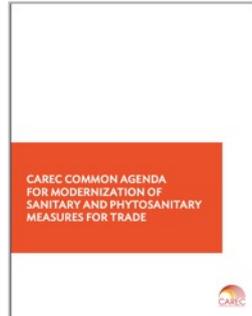




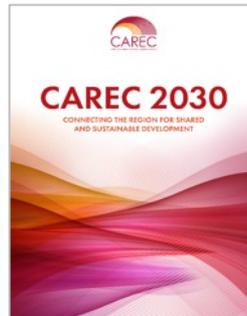
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures— A **priority area** in CAREC trade program



2013
Kazakhstan



2015
Mongolia



2017
Tajikistan



2018
Turkmenistan

First Meeting of SPS
Regional Working Group



2019
Uzbekistan



Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures— under the CAREC 2030 Strategy



Trade, Tourism, &
Economic
Corridors Cluster



Agriculture &
Water Cluster

- implement **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



Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade (CAST)

- concerted effort to **modernize SPS systems** and strengthen cooperation in SPS measures
- integral part of **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030**
- complement customs-related trade facilitation measures
- amid pandemic, more relevant to ensure safe trade and increase resilience against transboundary pests and diseases

Overall Approach and Framework



Global

- WTO SPS Agreement and international standards*

Regional/ Subregional

- **SPS regional working group**
- CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030's Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP)
- sector-specific pilot initiatives or networks

National

- **SPS national working groups**
- national SPS strategy, action plan and priorities

* World Trade Organization (WTO); World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission



Progress of Implementation

Policy Dialogues and Cooperation





Progress of Implementation

Investment Projects



Knowledge Product and Services



Progress of Implementation



Joint work with the CAREC Institute

Facilitating Trade Through Digital SPS Certification

Learning Module on CAREC Trade



Expanding CAREC Agri-Trade through the Use of Electronic Certificates

Forthcoming, Policy Brief

- e-certificate can promote **safer** and **efficient** agri-trade; opportunity for **digitalization** including IPPC's **e-Phyto solutions***
- CAREC well-placed to adopt e-Phyto—
 - enabling legislation and steps for phytosanitary certification
 - acceptance of electronic data
 - some begin to use e-SPS certificates (UZB)
 - uneven IT systems' alignment with ePhyto

FINDINGS

- business process analysis when migrating to ePhyto
- ePhyto's web-based GeNS is an option
- interoperability with eCustoms or national single window
- raise stakeholder awareness and private sector participation

RECOMMENDATIONS

CAREC Institute's E-learning Platform

<https://elearning.carecinstitute.org/workshop/modernizing-sanitary-phytosanitary-sps-measures-in-carec-and-use-of-digital-certification>

ePhyto Solution*

<https://www.ephytoexchange.org/landing/>



CAREC SPS Measures Week: *Facilitating Safe and Sustainable Trade in the CAREC Region*

19-22 April 2021



Dialogue on Strengthening Cooperation in SPS Measures in the Post-COVID era

Day 1: 19 April 2021



Elkhan Mikayilov, Head of Administration, Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan



M. Teresa Kho, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank



Melvin Spreij, Head of Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization





Fergana Valley Stakeholders' Conference: Enhancing Trade Opportunities through Phytosanitary Measures in Central Asia

Day 2: 20 April 2021



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Ryder Rogers, Director, Economic Development Office, USAID Central Asia





Addressing Transboundary Animal Diseases and Food Safety Issues

Day 3: 21 April 2021



Qingfeng ZHANG, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank



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Mereke Taitubayev, Head of Sub Regional Office for Central Asia, World Organisation for Animal Health





Joint Meeting of the Customs Cooperation Committee and SPS Regional Working Group— *Risk Management and Digitalization*

Day 4: 22 April 2021



DDG Teresa Kho, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank



Javad Gasimov, Deputy Chair, State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan



Muhammad Sohail Shahzad, Director, Technical Quarantine, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food Security and Research, Pakistan



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Proposed CAREC SPS Work Plan

2021-2023



Ongoing and Proposed Interventions (1)

Intervention	Topic/ Description	Countries	Timeline (Development Partners)
National SPS priorities and workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of legislations with the WTO SPS agreement and international standards (IPPC, OIE, Codex) 	UZB (ongoing) MON, PAK, TKM, AZE	2021-2022 (WTO, ADB)
Reactivation of SPS national working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment training for animal by-products (virtual) 	GEO	2021 (ADB)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for importing food products from 3rd countries 	KGZ	2021 (ADB)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on trade and SPS emerging issues 	AFG	2021/2022 (WTO, ADB, US CLDP)
bilateral cooperation initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocols for acceptance of import/export agri-food products (signed or underway) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRC with UZB/KAZ /KGZ/TAJ; UZB with KAZ/KGZ/TKM; TKM with PAK 	
Investment project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of border SPS facilities and laboratories and linking SPS with customs IT systems joint border inspection (scoping study) quarantine treatment centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MON (ongoing) GEO and AZE; AFG and PAK AFG 	2021-2023 (ADB with potential co-financing)

Ongoing and Proposed Interventions (2)



Intervention	Topic/ Description	Countries	Timeline (Development Partners)
Policy dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA) 	REG; TAJ (ongoing)	2021-2022 (WTO, ADB, CAREC Institute)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-Health Approach dialogue between CAREC SPS group and CAREC health sector group 	REG	2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTO's Good Regulatory Practice for SPS regulators (under development) 		2022 (WTO, ADB)
Digital SPS or e-certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> business process analysis (feasibility study) to participate in ePhyto solutions technical support or knowledge-sharing for migrating into e-SPS/ePhyto 	Interested countries UZB (ongoing)	2021-2022 (IPPC, WTO, ADB)
Knowledge products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-learning module on digital phytosanitary certification Policy brief analyzing CAREC readiness for digital SPS certification 	REG (with PRC and UZB case studies)	2021 (CAREC Institute, ADB)

Ongoing and Proposed Interventions (3)



Intervention	Topic/ Description	Countries	Timeline (Development Partners)
Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Asia Animal Health Network OIE roadmaps to eradicate Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) through training, disease-free zones, control programs Improving traceability 	KAZ, KGZ, TAK, TKM, UZB (ongoing); interested countries	2021-2023 (OIE, FAO, WTO)
Fergana Valley pilot project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic, pest risk analysis and surveillance capacity sampling and pest survey (cherry fruit fly) establishment of pest free area commodity-based pest listing based on risk categorization and pest control plan 	KAZ, KGZ, TAJ, TKM and UZB (ongoing)	2021-2022 (USAID CTJ, EPPO, IPPC, ADB)
Food Safety pilot project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simplified risk-based food safety management and inspections systems development of trainers' manual/modules 	interested countries; TKM (ongoing)	2021 (ADB, CAC)



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