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# Using Good Regulatory Practices to Facilitate Safe Trade

ADB/STDF Virtual Seminar on the use  
of GRPs to Improve SPS Measures

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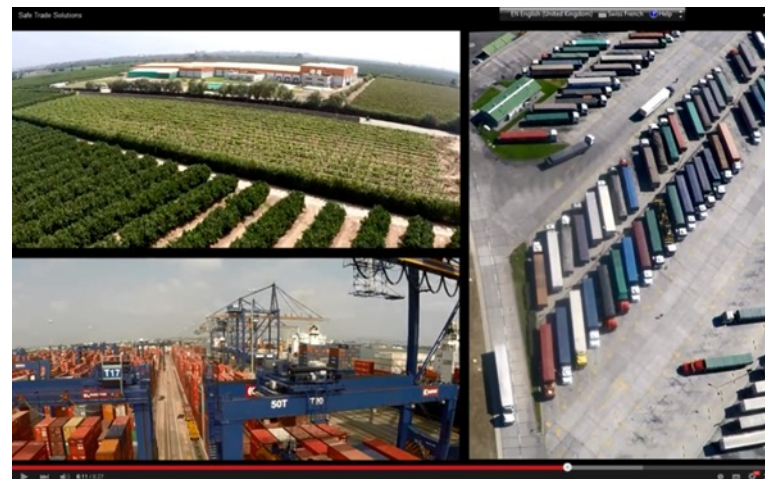
# STDF's global partnership: improving food safety, animal and plant health capacity to facilitate safe trade

- Connecting stakeholders across agriculture, health, trade and development at country, regional and global level
- Piloting innovative approaches
- Learning to improve SPS capacity
- Influencing sustainable improvements in SPS capacity in developing countries



# Why do Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs) matter for safe trade?

- SPS measures may result in justifiable transaction costs based on the need to protect health
- Inefficient and ineffective SPS measures sometimes result in poor health protection and disrupt trade more than necessary
- Higher than necessary costs and uncertainty for traders
- Inefficiencies and costs for government
- GRPs are processes and tools to improve the quality and effectiveness of SPS measures so that they are fit-for-purpose and achieve the expected policy outcomes



Watch STDF's "Safe Trade Solutions" film  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eww1MsewAOk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eww1MsewAOk)

# What is driving the use of GRPs?

- Opportunity to reduce trade costs
- Emerging and existing SPS issues
- Bilateral and regional trade agreements
- Digitalization and the move towards e-SPS certification
- Regulatory cooperation on SPS measures at international and regional level
- One Health approach



## Why use GRPs?

- Better designed SPS measures based on international standards
- Improved understanding and compliance with SPS measures
- Reduced cost and administrative burden of SPS measures
- Increased trust of the private sector and consumers in regulatory processes
- Enhanced confidence of trading partners and investors



# STDF GRP Guide

**Aim:** Good practices and guidance to increase the effectiveness of SPS regulatory interventions

**Audience:** SPS authorities involved in the development, implementation and/or review of SPS measures in developing countries, and other relevant stakeholders



[www.standardsfacility.org/sites/default/files/STDF\\_GRP\\_Guide\\_EN.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/sites/default/files/STDF_GRP_Guide_EN.pdf)

# Aim of the STDF GRP Guide



Raise awareness about why GRPs matter for the facilitation of safe trade

Outline how different GRPs can be used to improve SPS measures

Share practical experiences and lessons

Links to GRP tools and resources developed by STDF partners and others

# What are GRPs?

- **Transparency** to ensure clarity on SPS measures, and make them accessible to end users
- **Coordination** to promote coherence on SPS measures across government
- **Consultations** to understand the views from the private sector and other stakeholders
- **Stocktaking** to reduce inconsistencies, gaps, and overlaps, identify outdated or ineffective SPS measures, review link between SPS measure and international standards





# Lao PDR Trade portal: Increased transparency of trade-related regulatory information



Provides easy access to:

- All laws, regulations and other legal instruments
- License and permit requirements, prohibitions, restrictions, technical standards, SPS measures
- Procedures for license/permit applications and clearance
- Relevant forms
- Contacts of SPS agencies, SPS Enquiry Points, etc.

# Regulatory stock-taking in The Philippines: Programme to Modernize Government Regulations

- Aims to reduce the burden of compliance for business and lower enforcement costs for government
- Create inventories of regulations
- Dialogue with industry to understand their experiences to comply
- Assess the necessity and relevance of regulatory requirements, their clarity and consistency with policy objectives
- Make recommendations to improve regulations



# Public consultations in Thailand



- Regulating agency solicit inputs on draft regulations via stakeholder consultation website (minimum 15-day consultation period)
- Shares substantive information on the draft regulation and rationale online.
- Report on feedback received may be considered when regulation is up for approval

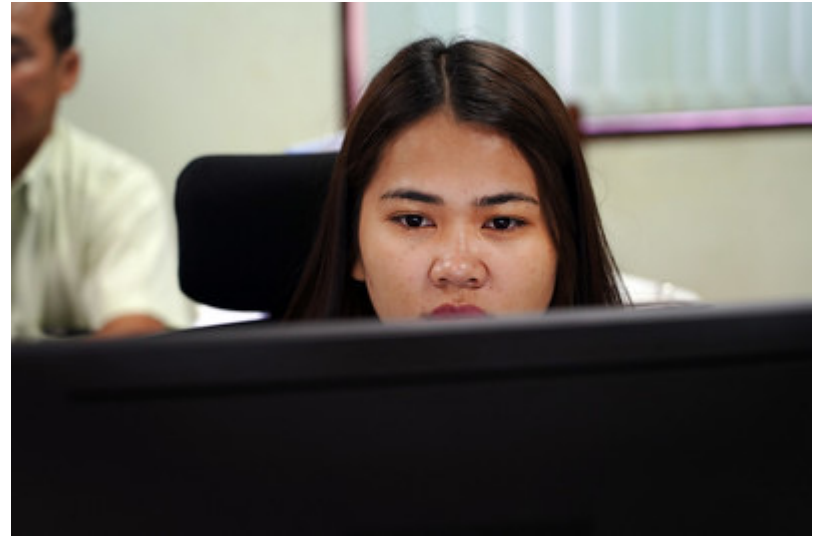
## What are GRPs (continued)?

- **Forward-looking regulatory agenda** to understand and increase awareness about upcoming legal and regulatory initiatives
- **Regulatory Impact Assessment** to critically assess the positive and negative effects of (existing or proposed) regulations, as well as non-regulatory alternatives
- **Monitoring and evaluation** to review how SPS measures are being implemented and to assess their performance

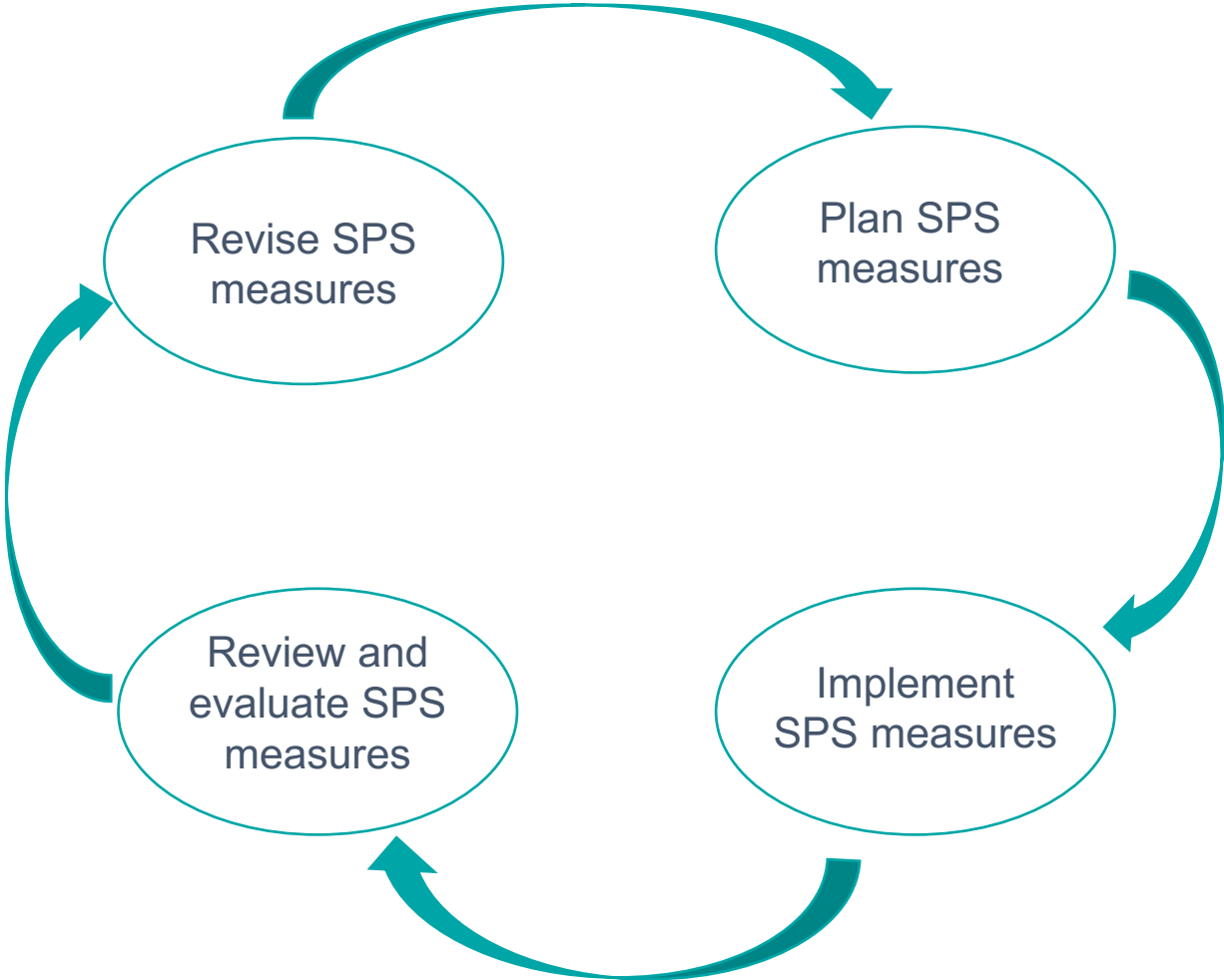


# Regulatory Information System in the Republic of Korea

- Central online system to support a whole-of-government approach to regulatory management and reform
- Covers the process of regulatory review (from initial request by ministry to preparation of review report)
- Means to identify unregistered regulations and termination dates of sunset laws
- Improves the monitoring of regulatory reform processes led by different ministries



# GRPs support SPS measures that are fit-for-purpose



Are current SPS measures adequate?

How to plan for SPS regulatory changes?

What SPS regulatory options exist?

How to develop new SPS measures?

Does the new/ revised SPS measure achieve its objective?

# Putting GRPs into practice: Key points

- International standards (Codex, OIE, IPPC) are the starting point
- National situations differ – there is not a one size fits all
- Ensure the basics: Consultation, coordination, transparency
- Where feasible, use more sophisticated GRPs: Stock taking and regulatory mapping, RIA, etc.
- Use tools offered by STDF partners, OECD and others
- Take a whole-of-government approach
- Build awareness that encourages leadership on GRPs

# Putting GRPs into practice in The Philippines

## STDF Project Preparation Grant

Take stock of how SPS regulations are developed and implemented, including challenges faced

Develop a project to use GRPs to improve the development, implementation and review of SPS measures

Led by Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS), The Philippines



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