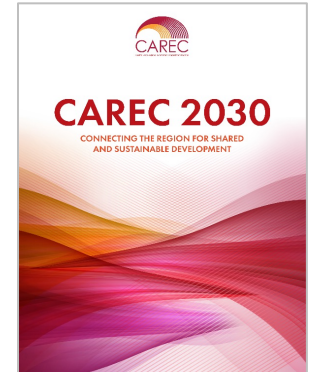


Modernizing SPS Measures to Facilitate Trade in CAREC Countries— Insights for Pakistan

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Sanitary and Phytosanitary 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

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Common Challenges in CAREC Countries



Inadequate SPS capacity to **facilitate safe trade**



Uncoordinated policies and unrealized **potential for integration**



Untapped market access **for agriculture exports**

Plant Health

- Poor understanding of both importing country phytosanitary requirements and pest risks on import goods
- Lack of accurate pest distribution data as basis for regulated pest lists
- Border crossing points too remote from central laboratories for timely and secure sampling
- Electronic phytosanitary certification to be incorporated into single window, etc.

Animal Health

- Lack of animal identification without which zoning of TADs cannot be achieved
- Division of responsibilities among different agencies
- Inadequate secondary legislation

Food Safety

- Legislative base inadequate to make HACCP compulsory
- Moving to risk-based indicators of food safety and correspondence
- Achieving balance between food control and trade facilitation

HACCP = Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point; TADS = Transboundary Animal Diseases



<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/506151/modernizing-sanitary-phytosanitary-carec.pdf>

Modernized Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures— supports integration in global economy

Strategic and Coordinated Approach



CAREC Trade cluster

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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](#)

Progress of Implementation



Policy dialogues and cooperation

Progress of Implementation

Supporting 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**

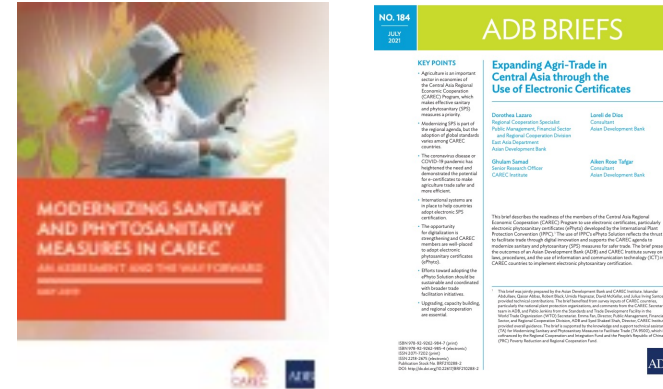
Regional and in-country trainings

Knowledge Products and Services

ADB-CAREC Institute e-learning modules



Research and policy briefs



Referencing labs demonstration videos



1,280 BENEFITED FROM KNOWLEDGE EVENTS IN 2018-2021



CAREC SPS Action Plan 2022–2023

Regional policy dialogue

One Health Approach
Good Regulatory Practices
Global Framework for
Progressive Control of TADs



Cooperation mechanisms

Joint control / border coordination
Mutual recognition



Digitalization

ePhyto / eVet
Joint surveillance and database



Capacity-building

ISPM implementation
OIE Roadmap to eradicate FMD
and PPR



Institutional

Reactivation of SPS NWGs
Coordination with stakeholders and
other programs



Feasibility studies

Upgrade of laboratories
Border infrastructure
Animal and plant quarantine
innovation center



<https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-SPS-Workplan-2021-2023-June-23-2021.pdf>

Insights and Prospects for Pakistan (1)

SPS National Working Group

Composition notified by Government (EAD) in Oct 2018

- Chaired by MNFSR DG, DPP
- Members: AQD, NVL, MOC, FBR, MoST, MNHC&R
- Reactivate/reconsider membership (e.g., improve policy coordination between MNFSR and provincial governments; synergy in donor initiatives)

National SPS Action Plan approved in 2019

- Maintain relevance in a post-COVID scenario, amid food security issues
- [WTO Trade Policy Review for Pakistan](#)
- Agriculture Transformation Plan
- Pakistan food safety regulation (draft)
- Animal quarantine rules of 2021 (draft)

Insights and Prospects for Pakistan (2)

Potential Interventions

Reform of plant health legislation to adopt IPPC principles, secondary legislation (rules) to conform with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

Reform of legislation on pesticides for exports to meet standards for pesticide residues

Business processes analysis to migrate from paper-based to ePhyto

Scoping or feasibility assessment for Animal ID and Traceability for FMD-free zone in Punjab

Interoperability and integration with Pakistan's national single window

Improve timely **notification** of measures to IPPC and OIE (raised by MOC)

Thank you!

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