



# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

## WORKSHOP ON STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, AND HEALTH

11-15 JULY 2016

Please note that sessions will be held in Room E of the CWR building (WTO Headquarters), unless otherwise indicated in the programme.

<b>Monday 11 July Overview</b>	
9:00 - 10:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Opening by: <i>Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division; and Bridget Chilala, Director, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logistics briefing</li><li>• Tour de table and gap analysis</li><li>• Why talk about trade and health?</li></ul>
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee/tea (hosted by WTO, outside of Room F)</i>
11:00-12:30	<b>Overview of the SPS Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The main principles and disciplines of the SPS Agreement will be presented through an interactive exercise</li></ul> <i>Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch (+ group photo)</i>
14:00-15:30	<b>Overview of the TBT Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The main principles and disciplines of the TBT Agreement will be presented through an interactive exercise</li></ul> <i>Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i>
15:45-17:00	<b>TBT v SPS challenge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group exercise to classify measures at the intersection of SPS and TBT</li></ul> <i>Lauro Locks, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division</i>

## Tuesday 12 July *Science and Risk*

9:00 - 10:15	<p><b>How does science and risk come into WTO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel of speakers from across the WTO (SPS, TBT, Legal Affairs) will discuss why and how science and risk matter in the work of the WTO</li> <li>Additional perspectives provided by WHO</li> </ul> <p><i>Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i>  <i>Graham Cook, Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division</i>  <i>Benn McGrady, Technical Officer (Legal), Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO</i>  <i>Moderated by: Erik Wijkström, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
10:30 -12:30	<p><b>Using international standards to address health risks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of international standards in the SPS and TBT Agreements</li> <li>International standards bodies will describe how standards help regulators address health and safety risks</li> <li>Participant presentation (Uruguay)</li> </ul> <p><i>Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>  <i>Laura Mathew and Mary Lou Pelaprat, ISO</i>  <i>Moderated by: Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Risk assessment and good regulatory practices for health regulations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of risk assessment (SPS) and good regulatory practices (TBT) in implementation of the SPS and TBT Agreements will be presented</li> <li>Guidance and examples on how to conduct risk assessments</li> <li>Participant presentation (Tunisia)</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Kazuaki Miyagishima, Director, Department of Food Safety and Zoonoses, WHO</i>  <i>Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>  <i>Moderated by: Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i></p>
15:45-17:00	<p><b>SPS case study – exercise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group exercise on a SPS-related measure raised in the WTO</li> </ul> <p><i>Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i>  <i>Anneke Hamilton, Economic Affairs Officer, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i></p>

**Wednesday 13 July**  
***Non-communicable diseases (NCDs)***

8:00 – 9:00	<p><u><i>Visit to WHO Headquarters</i></u>  Participants to meet at WTO front gate at 8:00, departing together by bus for WHO at 8:17 (Bus 28)</p>
9:00 - 12:15	<p><b>Overview of WHO work</b> (<i>WHO, Salle G, 8th Floor</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burden of disease attributable to NCDs</li> <li>• WHO instruments relevant to prevention of NCDs</li> <li>• The Political Declaration of the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Prevention and Control of NCDs</li> <li>• The Sustainable Development Goals</li> <li>• Examples of domestic implementation</li> </ul> <p><i>Benn McGrady, Technical Officer (Legal), Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO</i></p>
12:15-14:00	<p><i>Lunch (and return by bus to WTO)</i></p>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Food and nutrition: roundtable discussion</b> (<i>WTO, Room S3</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This roundtable will provide different perspectives on specific issues at the nexus of food, nutrition, diet-related NCDs and trade – including nutritional labelling</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Francesco Branca, Director of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO</i>  <i>Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>  <i>Bev Postma, International consultant, Global food systems</i>  Moderated by: <i>Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
15:45-17:00	<p><b>Harmful use of alcohol: roundtable discussion</b> (<i>WTO, Room S3</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This roundtable will provide different perspectives on specific issues at the nexus of reducing harmful use of alcohol and trade – including alcohol labelling</li> </ul> <p><i>María Loreto Lynch, Legal Adviser, Regulatory Department, DIRECON, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Chile</i>  <i>Dag Rekve, Technical Officer, Management of Substance Abuse, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO</i>  <i>Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>  Moderated by: <i>Erik Wijkström, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>

**Thursday 14 July**  
***Policy coherence***

9:00 - 10:45	<p><b>Transparency – the role of the SPS and TBT Agreements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of transparency provisions of the SPS and TBT Agreements, submitting and accessing SPS/TBT notifications</li> <li>• Participant presentations (Ecuador, Indonesia, Malawi, Malaysia)</li> </ul> <p><i>Anneke Hamilton, Economic Affairs Officer, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i> <i>Una Flanagan, Notifications Assistant, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
11:00 -12:30	<p><b>How do Members coordinate on trade and health?</b> Experiences in overcoming barriers to domestic cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This session will explore opportunities and challenges in domestic policy coordination on health and trade</li> <li>• Participant presentations (Bolivia, Botswana, China, Sri Lanka)</li> <li>• Examples of approaches to domestic coordination on trade and health</li> </ul> <p><i>María Loreto Lynch, Legal Adviser, Regulatory Department, DIRECON, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Chile</i> <i>Ravi Bharwani, International Trade Analyst, Food and Drug Agency, US</i> <i>Moderated by: Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>How do Members coordinate on trade and health? (cont'd)</b> Examples of mechanisms and practices for policy coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of mechanisms available to Members to facilitate domestic policy coherence on health and trade</li> </ul> <p><i>Marlynn Hopper, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)</i> <i>Tom Hellandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i> <i>Roger Kampf, Counsellor, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division</i> <i>Moderated by: Anneke Hamilton, Economic Affairs Officer, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i></p>
15:45-17:00	<p><b>New provisions in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) on trade and health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As an examples of specific policy coherence challenge, this panel will explore how TBT/SPS and health issues are dealt with in RTAs</li> </ul> <p><i>David Bisbee, Attaché, U.S. Mission to the World Trade Organization</i> <i>Ana Cristina Molina Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy Review Division, WTO</i> <i>Bev Postma, International consultant, Global food systems</i> <i>Benn McGrady, Technical Officer (Legal), Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO</i> <i>Moderated by: Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>

## Friday 15 July *Discussion*

9:00 - 10:45	<p><b>Group exercise: health-related specific trade concern raised in SPS and TBT Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief overview of work of the SPS and TBT Committees</li> <li>• Group simulation exercise of a health related specific trade concern discussed in the SPS and TBT Committees</li> </ul> <p><i>Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i> <i>Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p>
11:00 -12:30	<p><b>Group exercise (cont'd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing by SPS/TBT Committee Chairperson</li> <li>• Simulated SPS/TBT Committee meeting, led by the Chairpersons of SPS and TBT Committees</li> <li>• Wrap up discussion and feedback on exercise</li> </ul> <p><i>Esther Peh, First Secretary (Economics), Permanent Mission of Singapore, Chairperson of the WTO TBT Committee</i> <i>Marcela Otero, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Chile to the World Trade Organization, Chairperson of the WTO SPS Committee</i></p>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Concluding panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion looking ahead to future challenges at the intersection of TBT, SPS and health related standards and regulations, based on questions developed by participants</li> </ul> <p><i>Esther Peh, First Secretary (Economics), Permanent Mission of Singapore, Chairperson of the WTO TBT Committee</i> <i>Marcela Otero, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Chile to the World Trade Organization, Chairperson of the WTO SPS Committee</i> <i>Erik Wijkström, Counsellor, Trade and Environment Division</i> <i>Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i> <i>Benn McGrady, Technical Officer (Legal), Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO</i> <i>Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission</i></p>
15:45-17:00	<p><b>Evaluation and Closure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This final session will provide participants with an opportunity to share views on the workshop, make suggestions as to how to improve the course, and also share ideas as to how they intend to apply the lessons learned from the workshop in practice</li> </ul> <p><i>Lisette Nonalaya Aranda, Geneva-based Courses Unit, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation</i> <i>Anneke Hamilton, Economic Affairs Officer, SPS Section, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i> <i>Devin McDaniels, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Environment Division</i></p> <p>Closing by: <i>Evan Rogerson, Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division</i></p>