

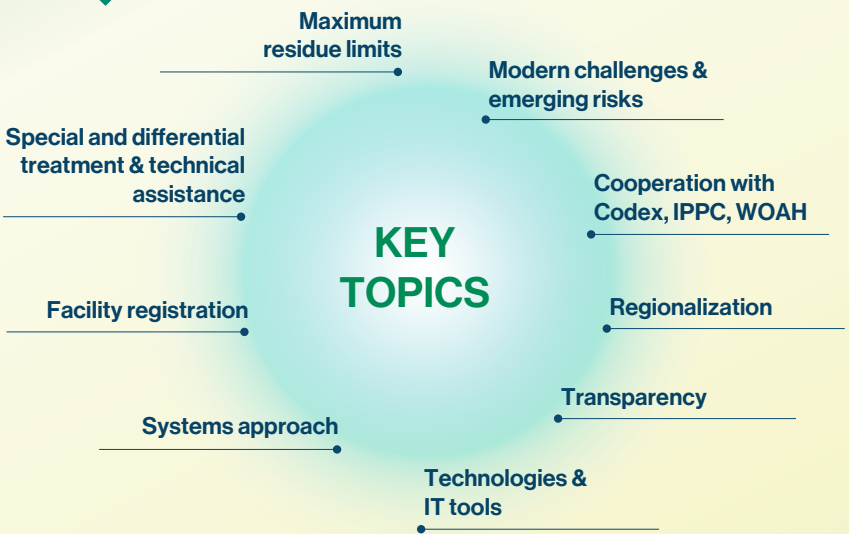


A new SPS work plan

At the WTO, work on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues is all about facilitating trade while ensuring the safety of our food and protecting animal and plant health. Every 4 years, WTO Members review how work in the SPS area is evolving. In the last review, they agreed on a roadmap for the work ahead on SPS.



What's on the agenda?

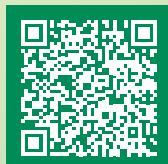


Spotlight on selected initiatives

- **Sharing knowledge to tackle modern SPS challenges.** How are Members using AI? What innovative pest or disease treatments are being promoted and how are they regulated? This is all about sharing experiences so innovative approaches can be used by others.
- **More regulatory cooperation for improved SPS requirements.** With [ePing](#), WTO Members notify planned SPS regulations for comments by trading partners. With 2,000+ SPS notifications/year, it's not easy to keep track. A working group will look at how to improve notifications, facilitate access to translations, and track how comments are taken into account.
- **Fostering engagement on SPS matters.** A mentoring programme will help developing economies engage on SPS matters and enhance the transparency of their SPS regulations.

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