

14 JUNE 2013

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES - MEETING OF 27-28 JUNE 2013

1. THE COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES WILL HOLD ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING ON 27-28 JUNE 2013, STARTING AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2013, AND CONTINUING ON FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 2013. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA.

2. THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY INFORMAL MEETINGS ON 26 JUNE 2013. A PRESENTATION OF THE STDF STUDY ON TRADE AND INVASIVE SPECIES WILL BE HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013.

3. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA IS PROPOSED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
3. INFORMATION ON RELEVANT ACTIVITIES
 - (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS
 - (i) AUSTRALIA - RELEASE OF DRAFT BIOSECURITY REGULATIONS AND INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF BIOSECURITY REGULATIONS FOR COMMENT
 - (ii) AUSTRALIA - UPDATE ON RETIRING THE AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICE (AQIS) BRAND
 - (iii) EUROPEAN UNION - UPDATE ON THE FRAUD CASE RELATED TO THE LABELLING OF HORSE MEAT IN MEAT PRODUCTS
 - (iv) EUROPEAN UNION - "SMARTER RULES FOR SAFER FOOD" PROPOSALS ON ANIMAL HEALTH, PLANT HEALTH, PLANT PROPAGATING MATERIALS AND OFFICIAL CONTROLS (G/SPS/GEN/1252)
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM THE RELEVANT SPS STANDARD-SETTING BODIES
 - (i) IPPC (G/SPS/GEN/1247)
 - (ii) CODEX
 - (iii) OIE

4. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (G/SPS/GEN/204/REV.13)

(a) NEW ISSUES

- (i) EU TEMPERATURE TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTS OF PROCESSED MEAT PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF RUSSIA
- (ii) US PROPOSED RULE ON GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE AND HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK-BASED PREVENTIVE CONTROLS FOR HUMAN FOOD (G/SPS/N/USA/2502) - CONCERNS OF CHINA
- (iii) EU RENEWAL OF GMO APPROVALS (EC REGULATION 1829/2003) - CONCERNS OF ARGENTINA
- (iv) IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT - CONCERNS OF JAPAN
- (v) EU IMPORT REQUIREMENTS ON ORCHID TISSUE CULTURE PLANTLETS IN FLASKS - CONCERNS OF CHINESE TAIPEI
- (vi) EUROPEAN UNION - PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES ON CITRUS BLACK SPOT - CONCERNS OF SOUTH AFRICA

(b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED

- (i) VIET NAM'S BAN ON OFFALS - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED STATES (NO. 314)
- (ii) CHINA'S QUARANTINE AND TESTING PROCEDURES FOR SALMON - CONCERNS OF NORWAY (NO. 319)
- (iii) EU MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS OF PESTICIDES - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 306)
- (iv) TURKEY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF SHEEPMEEAT - CONCERNS OF AUSTRALIA (NO. 340)
- (v) CHINA'S IMPORT CONDITIONS RELATED TO PHTHALATES - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 345)
- (vi) JAPAN'S RESTRICTIONS ON SHRIMP DUE TO ANTI-OXIDANT RESIDUES - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 342)
- (vii) IMPORT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO BSE - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 193)
- (viii) EU COURT OF JUSTICE RULING REGARDING POLLEN DERIVED FROM GMOS - CONCERNS OF ARGENTINA (NO. 327)
- (ix) INDONESIA'S PORT CLOSURE (G/SPS/N/IDN/53, G/SPS/N/IDN/54 AND G/SPS/N/IDN/54/CORR.1) - CONCERNS OF CHINA (NO. 330)
- (x) EU QUARANTINE MEASURES ON CERTAIN PINE TREES AND OTHER PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF RUSSIA (NO. 348)

- (c) CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED
 - (i) COSTA RICA'S MRLS FOR VETERINARY MEDICINES IN LIVE ANIMALS (G/SPS/N/CRI/136) - CONCERNS OF PANAMA
- (d) INFORMATION ON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES IN G/SPS/GEN/204/REV.13
 - (i) CROATIA'S RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF PORK - CONCERNS OF SLOVENIA (NO. 158)
- 5. OPERATION OF TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS
- 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT
- 7. EQUIVALENCE - ARTICLE 4
 - (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
- 8. PEST- AND DISEASE-FREE AREAS - ARTICLE 6
 - (a) ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6 (G/SPS/GEN/1245)
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR PEST OR DISEASE STATUS
 - (i) AUSTRALIA - FREEDOM FROM HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)
 - (ii) ARGENTINA - OIE RECOGNITION OF FMD FREEDOM
 - (iii) ARGENTINA - OIE RECOGNITION OF FREEDOM FROM AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN RECOGNITION OF PEST- OR DISEASE-FREE AREAS
 - (d) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
- 9. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION
 - (a) INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT
 - (i) WTO SPS ACTIVITIES (G/SPS/GEN/997/REV.3)
 - (ii) STDF (G/SPS/GEN/1251)
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS
 - (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY JAPAN (G/SPS/GEN/1160/ADD.1)
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVERS
- 10. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT
 - (a) ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECOND REVIEW
 - (i) USE OF AD HOC CONSULTATIONS (G/SPS/W/259/REV.6) - REPORT ON INFORMAL MEETING

11. MONITORING OF THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
 - (a) NEW ISSUES
 - (i) IMPORTANCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLE - SUBMISSION OF BRAZIL (G/SPS/GEN/1253)
 - (b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED
 - (c) ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT (G/SPS/W/269)
12. CONCERNS WITH PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL STANDARDS
 - (a) REPORT ON INFORMAL MEETING
13. OBSERVERS
 - (a) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
 - (b) REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS
14. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CTG
15. OTHER BUSINESS
16. DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

4. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECOND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT, IN PARTICULAR ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR AD HOC CONSULTATIONS (ARTICLE 12.2) (G/SPS/W/259/REV.6), WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2013, STARTING AT 10 A.M.

5. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARDS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2013, STARTING AT 3 P.M. THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS: (i) PROPOSED WORKING DEFINITION OF SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARDS; (ii) IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED ACTIONS 2-5 (G/SPS/55); (iii) PROPOSED ACTIONS 6-12 (G/SPS/W/256); (4) ANY OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

6. ALL OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INFORMAL MEETINGS AS WELL AS IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE INFORMAL AND REGULAR SPS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

7. DELEGATES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRESENTATION OF THE STDF BACKGROUND STUDY ON TRADE AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES ON THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2013, FROM 2 UNTIL 3 PM, IN ROOM E.

8. PLEASE NOTE THAT PAPER COPIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO DELEGATES AT THE MEETING. DELEGATES SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS. ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SPS COMMITTEE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED FROM THE MEMBERS' WEBSITE AS FOLLOWS:

WTO MEMBERS' WEBSITE ⇔ FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ⇔ DOCUMENTS FOR MEETINGS

UNRESTRICTED DOCUMENTS FOR THE SPS COMMITTEE MEETING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLIC SPS GATEWAY PAGE:

[HTTP://WWW.WTO.ORG/SPC](http://www.wto.org/spc) ⇨ SPS MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

9. MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE CHAIRPERSON IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES, UPON REQUEST, TO ASSIST WITH THE RESOLUTION OF TRADE CONCERNS.

10. MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH OBSERVER STATUS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.