

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES - MEETING OF 15 AND 17 OCTOBER 2014

1. DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE MEETING DATES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SIXTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES WILL BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014, AT 3 P.M. AND CONTINUE ON FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2014, STARTING AT 10 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA.

2. THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY A WORKSHOP ON RISK ANALYSIS ON 13 AND 14 OCTOBER. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON THE FOURTH REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014, STARTING AT 10 A.M. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARDS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2014, STARTING AT 10 A.M.

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. INFORMATION ON RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

(a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

(i) PERU - ORGANIZATION OF THE 46TH MEETING OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE, TO BE HELD IN LIMA ON 17-21 NOVEMBER 2014 (G/SPS/GEN/1362)

(ii) RUSSIAN FEDERATION - INFORMATION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMON SANITARY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND HYGIENIC REQUIREMENTS

(iii) RUSSIAN FEDERATION - POSSIBLE SCENARIO ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER SPREAD IN THE EURASIAN REGION

(iv) JAPAN - UPDATE ON THE RESPONSE TO TEPCO'S FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI NUCLEAR POWER STATION ACCIDENT AND ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE FOOD REGARDING RADIOACTIVE NUCLIDES

(v) EUROPEAN UNION - UPDATE ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

(vi) EUROPEAN UNION - INFORMATION ON THE LAUNCH OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DEFINING CRITERIA FOR ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS

(vii) ECUADOR - INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE PRESENTATION OF PHYTO- AND ZOOSANITARY IMPORT AND EXPORT DOCUMENTATION (G/SPS/GEN/1356)

(viii) UNITED STATES - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FDA FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT (FSMA)

(b) INFORMATION FROM THE RELEVANT SPS STANDARD-SETTING BODIES

- (i) CODEX
- (ii) IPPC
- (iii) OIE

3. SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS

(a) NEW ISSUES

- (i) RUSSIA'S MARKET ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR BOVINE MEAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH OIE REQUIREMENTS - CONCERNS OF INDIA
- (ii) RUSSIA'S RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM POLAND (G/SPS/N/RUS/69) - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
- (iii) RUSSIA'S UNILATERAL INTRODUCTION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERINARY CERTIFICATES - CONCERNS OF UKRAINE

(b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED

- (i) APPLICATION AND MODIFICATION OF THE EU REGULATION ON NOVEL FOODS - CONCERNS OF PERU (G/SPS/GEN/1361) (NO. 238)
- (ii) KOREA'S STRENGTHENED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD AND FEEDS WITH REGARD TO RADIONUCLIDES - CONCERNS OF JAPAN (NO. 359)
- (iii) CHINA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT - CONCERNS OF JAPAN (NO. 354)
- (iv) US HIGH COST OF CERTIFICATION FOR MANGO EXPORTS - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 373)
- (v) EU PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOR CITRUS BLACK SPOT - CONCERNS OF SOUTH AFRICA (NO. 356)
- (vi) EU BAN ON MANGOES AND CERTAIN VEGETABLES FROM INDIA - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 374)
- (vii) US MEASURES ON CATFISH - CONCERNS OF CHINA (NO. 289)
- (viii) US NON ACCEPTANCE OF OIE CATEGORIZATION OF INDIA AS "NEGLIGIBLE RISK COUNTRY" FOR BSE - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 375)
- (ix) AUSTRALIA'S NON ACCEPTANCE OF OIE CATEGORIZATION OF INDIA AS "NEGLIGIBLE RISK COUNTRY" FOR BSE - CONCERNS OF INDIA (NO. 376)
- (x) GENERAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO BSE - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 193)

- (xi) INDIA'S IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (NO. 358)
 - (xii) TURKEY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF SHEEPMEAT - CONCERNS OF AUSTRALIA (NO. 340)
 - (xiii) EU WITHDRAWAL OF EQUIVALENCE FOR PROCESSED ORGANIC PRODUCTS - CONCERNS OF INDIA (G/SPS/GEN/1354) (NO. 374)
 - (c) INFORMATION ON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES IN G/SPS/GEN/204/REV.14
4. OPERATION OF TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS (G/SPS/GEN/804/REV.7)
5. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT
6. EQUIVALENCE - ARTICLE 4
- (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
7. PEST- AND DISEASE-FREE AREAS - ARTICLE 6
- (a) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR PEST OR DISEASE STATUS
 - (i) BRAZIL - ERADICATION OF CYDIA POMONELLA (G/SPS/GEN/1355)
 - (ii) URUGUAY - SHEEP COMPARTMENTALIZATION SYSTEM
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN RECOGNITION OF PEST- OR DISEASE-FREE AREAS
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM RELEVANT OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION
- (a) INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT
 - (i) WTO SPS ACTIVITIES
 - (ii) REPORT ON WORKSHOP ON RISK ANALYSIS
 - (iii) STDF (G/SPS/GEN/1357)
 - (b) INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS
 - (i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PROVIDED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 - (c) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVERS
 - (i) IICA - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES (G/SPS/GEN/1359)
 - (ii) AFRICAN UNION - SPS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

9. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT
 - (a) FOURTH REVIEW
 - (i) REPORT OF THE INFORMAL MEETING
 - (ii) ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FOURTH REVIEW (G/SPS/W/280/REV.1)
10. MONITORING OF THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
 - (a) NEW ISSUES
 - (b) ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED
11. CONCERNS WITH PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL STANDARDS
 - (a) REPORT OF INFORMAL MEETING
12. OBSERVERS
 - (a) INFORMATION FROM OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS
 - (i) GSO (G/SPS/GEN/1360)
 - (ii) AFRICAN UNION (G/SPS/GEN/1363)
 - (b) REQUESTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS
 - (i) NEW REQUESTS
 - (ii) OUTSTANDING REQUESTS
13. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT TO CTG
14. OTHER BUSINESS
15. DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

4. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON THE FOURTH REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014 STARTING AT 10 A.M. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE REVISED DRAFT REPORT OF THE REVIEW (G/SPS/W/280/REV.1), WITH A VIEW TO FINALIZING IT FOR ADOPTION AT THE REGULAR MEETING.

5. AN INFORMAL MEETING ON SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARDS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2014, STARTING AT 10 A.M. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE ACTIONS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE (G/SPS/55), AND IN PARTICULAR A WORKING DEFINITION OF AN SPS-RELATED PRIVATE STANDARD (G/SPS/GEN/1334/REV.1 AND G/SPS/W/281), AS WELL AS OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES (G/SPS/W/256) AND RELEVANT ACTIVITIES. OUTSTANDING PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE FOURTH REVIEW WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED (G/SPS/W/278, G/SPS/W/279).

6. A WORKSHOP ON RISK ANALYSIS WILL BE HELD ON 13-14 OCTOBER 2014, STARTING AT 10 A.M. THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKSHOP IS AVAILABLE IN G/SPS/GEN/1358.

7. ALL DELEGATES TO THE SPS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS, ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INFORMAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

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/SPA](http://www.wto.org/spa) ⇨ SPS MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

AND FROM DOCUMENTS ONLINE:

[HTTPS://DOCS.WTO.ORG](https://docs.wto.org) ⇨ DOCUMENTS FOR MEETINGS

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.