Relevant information for new delegates

Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures

The Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures sets out basic rules for food safety and animal and plant health measures. The SPS Committee is the forum where WTO Members discuss issues related to the implementation of the SPS Agreement and specific trade concerns.

Key SPS weblinks

- **A dedicated SPS gateway** containing all relevant SPS information is available at [www.wto.org/sps](http://www.wto.org/sps).

- **Transparency** is a core WTO principle. SPS transparency obligations, relevant online tools and dedicated activities can be found at [www.wto.org/spstransparency](http://www.wto.org/spstransparency).

- Every year, the SPS Committee organizes numerous Events, workshops and trainings aimed at enhancing the knowledge and expertise on SPS-related topics. Information on past and upcoming activities is available at [www.wto.org/sps/ta](http://www.wto.org/sps/ta).

- The “SPS Declaration: Responding to modern SPS challenges” was adopted at MC12. Information relevant to the work programme is available at [www.wto.org/spsdeclaration](http://www.wto.org/spsdeclaration).

- **The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)** is a global partnership to facilitate safe trade, contributing to sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and food security. Information on deadlines for submission of funding proposals, as well as current and past activities is available at [www.standardsfacility.org](http://www.standardsfacility.org).

- All information relevant to the SPS Committee, including major decisions and documents, is available at [www.wto.org/spscmmittee](http://www.wto.org/spscmmittee).

Initial actions upon arrival

New delegates may wish to undertake the following actions:

Consult the general WTO information for delegates: [www.wto.org/english/forums_e/members_e/members_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/forums_e/members_e/members_e.htm).

Check the information available in the dedicated SPS Committee page: [www.wto.org/spscmmittee](http://www.wto.org/spscmmittee), including the audio presentation "Introduction to the SPS Committee" and the "FAQ for SPS Committee delegates".

Send a message to spscmmittee@wto.org to request:

- Inclusion in the SPS e-mail distribution list, where all relevant information is shared with delegates.
- Access to the SPS eAgenda, where delegates can raise items, including specific trade concerns (STCs), for the upcoming SPS Committee meetings.

Contact their Delegation Coordinator to create a WTO account in E-Registration to:

- Indicate the Committees you follow, including the SPS Committee.
- Access restricted documents.
- Be able to register to E-Subscriptions to receive alerts on new documents.
- Follow virtual meetings.

Register on the ePing SPS&TBT Platform to receive alerts on notifications of interest.

Visit the Trade Concerns Database to become acquainted with discussions in the SPS Committee.

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