WTO sources of SPS information

2017 SPS Workshop on Transparency
30-31 October 2017
Choose wisely...

- SPS Gateway
- WTO Documents Online
- I-TIP - Goods
- ePing SPS & TBT Alert System
- SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS)
SPS Gateway

http://www.wto.org/sps
Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Problem: How do you ensure that your country’s consumers are being supplied with food that is safe to eat — “safe” by the standards you consider appropriate? And at the same time, how can you ensure that strict health and safety regulations are not being used as an excuse for protecting domestic producers?

An agreement on how governments can apply food safety and animal and plant health measures (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS measures) sets out the basic rules in the WTO.

- **SPS Notification Submission System**
  National Notification Authorities can now use the SPS Notification Submission System (SPS NSS) to fill out and submit SPS notifications online.

- **SPS Information Management System**
  a database of WTO information on SPS (Notifications, concerns raised, other documents, enquiry points, etc).

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Work on SPS in the WTO, and official documents

Work on this subject is handled by the SPS Committee, which reports to the Goods Council. The work is officially recorded in the committee’s annual reports to the General Council and in summary reports (equivalent to minutes) of the committee’s meetings. The last chair was Mr. Marcial Espinola RAMIREZ (Paraguay).

Subscribe here to receive all unrestricted SPS documents by e-mail, usually twice a week, normally only in the original language (English, French or Spanish).

Members’ transparency toolkit

Notification formats, handbooks, links to members’ SPS websites and other aids for members’ transparency work in SPS.

Events, workshops and training

Find information on planned and recently held activities.

Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)

A joint initiative of the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, World Organization for Animal Health and Food and Agriculture Organization for enhancing developing countries’ capacity to meet SPS standards. Work includes sharing information on technical cooperation, and finance for projects.
WTO Documents Online

http://docs.wto.org
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- Database of all WTO official documents
- Public or Restricted access
- Main sources of information for other systems – SPS IMS
- Broader searches for SPS information

SPS-related documents in Docs Online
Documents Online provides access to the official documentation of the World Trade Organization. The database contains over 140,000 documents in the three official languages from 1995 onwards and is updated daily. All WTO documents are posted in PDF and WORD format. The application provides a descriptive catalogue record for every document stored in the archive. It is possible to consult all of these documents online and also to download selected documents from the site.

Documents Online comprises seven different search interfaces:

- Recent documents provides access to the latest documents posted.
- Commonly-consulted offers a selection of searches which enable the easy retrieval of regularly requested documents.
- Documents for meetings displays a list of formal and informal meetings of WTO bodies and their associated documents.
- By topic offers the possibility of searching for WTO documents by broad subject category.
- The Notifications interface allows for the searching of notification documents by notifying members and WTO legal requirements, using the Central Registry of Notifications database. The Advanced search provides additional search criteria, such as symbol, requirement topic, and classification. Full-text search capabilities for searching within the document text itself are also available in the Advanced search.
- The Search module provides advanced searching capabilities enabling the user to retrieve all WTO official documents on the basis of specified criteria, such as symbol, country, topic, or full-text search capabilities for searching within the document text itself.
- The GATT module provides access to the official documents issued under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The General Council decided to make these documents public on 15 May 2006. These have been scanned to create a digital archive. Currently only the documents belonging to the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations have been uploaded.

Contact: docsonline@wto.org
E-Subscriptions

- New service through Docs Online for delegates only (personal WTO account needed)
- Receive daily e-mails listing new documents corresponding to your interest
- For queries on E-Subscriptions: docsonline@wto.org
- Personal WTO account and access: contact your Delegation Coordinator
Important!

- Current distribution lists SPSNOTIFS and SPSDOCS will be replaced by E-subscriptions as of:

  4 December 2017

*Remember, all unrestricted documents may be found in Docs Online or the SPS IMS*
I-TIP - Goods

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- One stop shop for all trade policy measure notifications – both tariff and non-tariff (NTMs)
- Broad-based cross-cutting overview and detailed drill down by:
  - measure
  - country
  - product
  - time period
- View SPS measures in context with other NTMs
I-TIP Goods: Integrated analysis and retrieval of notified non-tariff measures

I-TIP Goods provides comprehensive information on non-tariff measures (NTMs) applied by WTO members in merchandise trade. The information includes members’ notifications of NTMs as well as information on “specific trade concerns” raised by members at WTO committee meetings. Its aim is to serve the needs of those seeking detailed information on trade policy measures as well as those looking for summary information. It includes links to the WTO’s extensive tariff and trade databases, and to DocsOnLine system.

Choose one of the following options:

**GRAPHS over TIME**
- You can see and select stocks or flows of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs), by type of measure.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any bar in the graphs!
- This option does not allow the selection of country or product affected.

**TABLES by PRODUCTS**
- Look at the incidence of NTMs by HS sections and chapters, and by country imposing the measure.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any number in the tables!
- This option does not allow the selection of products.

**TABLES by MEMBERS**
- Look at the incidence of NTMs by WTO member and geographical regions.
- See individual measures by simply clicking on any number in the tables!

**DETAILED QUERY**
- Select any combination of the five criteria: type of NTM, dates, country imposing, country affected, and product. Get tabular listing of NTMs.
- Drill down for additional details.
- Export summary and detailed NTM information.

Through any of the four options above you obtain a summary table with measures by country and type of measure; by drilling-down you will find a table with detailed information of individual measures, where, through links, you can get the notified documents, and the trade and tariffs relevant to each measure. You can export data at the summary or at the detailed level.

Contact::
i-tip@wto.org

WHAT IS AVAILABLE NOW
- Most of Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) are now included in I-TIP: Trade defence measures, technical measures and their Specific Trade Concerns (STCs), quantitative restrictions, the NTMs from the Agreement on Agriculture and information on state trading enterprises.
- TBT and SPS data are fully synchronized with their respective online reporting systems; same than Specific Trade Concerns (STC) data.
- Antidumping and Countervailing measures cover all measures initiated and/or with final duties in force from 2001 to the first half of 2016.

To be added
- Customs Valuation (2017)
- Preshipment Inspection (2017)
- Import Licences (2017)

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Version: 1.5
ePing

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SPS & TBT notification alert system

Keep track of product requirements in foreign markets
SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS)

http://spsims.wto.org
What is the SPS IMS?

Comprehensive multilingual database containing:

- Notifications (>22,000)
- Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) (427)
- Other SPS documents (~4500)
- National Notification Authority (NNA) and Enquiry Point (NEP) contact info (*constantly changing*)
What can you do with it?

- Multi-criteria searching for notifications, STCs and other SPS documents
- Export results into other formats (*.docx, *.xlsx, *.png, *.jpg, etc.)
- Browse interactive dashboards
- Create customized reports
The SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS) provides access to documents and records relevant under the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the SPS Agreement). For more information on the SPS Agreement, please click here.

The SPS IMS allows users to track information on SPS measures that Member governments have notified to the WTO, specific trade concerns raised in the SPS Committee, SPS related documents circulated at the WTO, Member governments’ SPS Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities, and the membership of the WTO, Codex, IPPC, and the OIE.

The system’s structure for searching notifications follows very closely the actual notification types and their formats. For further information on notification procedures and formats agreed upon by the SPS Committee, please click here.

Please click on the desired function from the menu bar on the left. You may wish to undertake a “search”, prepare a “custom report”, or view one of the “predefined reports”. The difference between a search and a custom report is that with a custom report you can decide which fields you wish to see in your search results. You can enter one or more criteria to refine your search. Alternatively, you can browse all records by not specifying any criteria before clicking on the Search button. For free text searches, for example under the “description of content” field of notifications, use quotation marks to find exact matches. For example, entering ‘avian influenza’ will find only those records which contain both terms. You can export all search and custom report results to Excel. Predefined reports provide reference lists regularly circulated by the WTO SPS Secretariat and are available in Word format.

According to the Verbal Note contained in document WT/L/779, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009 the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community. Pre-December 2009 records pertaining to the European Communities are available by clicking on the “European Union” option in the dropdown lists.

For further information on how to use the system, please click on Help.

WTO Secretariat
Switzerland, 1995-Present

SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS), circa 2010
Database, mixed media
The improved SPS IMS

- Officially launched in March 2017
- Result of a two-year project that:
  - replaced outdated software
  - aligned with other systems (e.g., TBT IMS)
  - streamlined functionalities
- In tandem with the SPS Notification Submission System (SPS NSS) improvements
http://spsims.wto.org

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

How many measures have been notified?

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How many STCs have been raised?

Specific Trade Concerns: 421

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Streamlined search functions

Old SPS IMS...

Search

Notifications
- Regular notifications
- Emergency notifications
- Addenda/Corrigenda

Translation Supplements
- Recognition of equivalence

Specific trade concerns
- Members involved in STCs

Other SPS documents
- Enquiry Points/Notification Authorities

x 1

x 3
Interactive dashboards - STCs

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Overview

Select
- Year range: 1995-2017
- Year: 2017

Number of new issues raised

Trade concerns by subject
- Plant Health: 24.4%
- Animal Health: 37.7%
- Food Safety: 31.9%
- Other concerns: 6.1%
Thank you!

That feeling when you’ve found the notification you’re looking for.
Practical exercises
SPS IMS and ePing
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