Session 2:

Other sources of SPS-related information:
The SPS Gateway
http://www.wto.org
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, query points, etc)

**SPS news**  back to top
Includes unofficial and less technical summaries of SPS Committee meetings

- 27 July 2015: Ireland donates EUR 350,000 to technical assistance programmes for developing countries
- 23 July 2015: Increasing stockpile of trade-restrictive measures “a cause for concern”
- 15 July 2015: WTO members raise record number of trade concerns on food safety, animal and plant health

> Sanitary and phytosanitary measures: Ensuring safe trading
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 current chair is Mr. Felipe HEEs (Brazil).

Search here for SPS documents

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.
Electronic transmission of unrestricted SPS documents

New Document Alerts on all unrestricted documents related to the SPS Agreement are being sent via e-mail to two different mailing lists. These document alerts are sent when new documents or their translations into English, French or Spanish become available. To receive alerts on all unrestricted SPS documents, INCLUDING NOTIFICATIONS, subscribe to the SPSNOTIFS list. To receive alerts on all SPS documents, EXCLUDING notifications, subscribe to the SPSDOCS list. Documents can be accessed through links in the alert email. You can subscribe to the mailing lists by following the instructions below.

How to subscribe

To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail message to

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with the following in the body of the message (leave the subject line blank):

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The SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS)
Why SPS IMS?

- Since 1995, SPS Committee has seen:
  - > 19,000 SPS notifications
  - > 2,500 other SPS documents
  - > 390 specific trade concerns
  - Enquiry Point/Notification Authority info changing frequently
What is in the SPS IMS?

- Content of SPS notifications
- Basic info on all SPS-related documents
- Details of all STCs
- Contact information on EPs/NNAs
In what languages is it available?

- Interface: English, French, Spanish
- Data: English, French, Spanish (as it becomes available)
How does it help Members?

- To undertake searches / prepare reports according to specific needs:
  - Product- or region-specific searches on notifications
  - Theme-specific searches on Committee documents, e.g. on regionalization
  - Queries on specific trade concerns related to specific Members or products

Possible to export all results to Excel
SPS Information Management System

http://spsims.wto.org
Why a new SPS IMS?

- In operation since 2007 – Outdated technology
- Alignment/harmonization with in-house systems
- Improve user-friendliness and enhance functionalities
  - Streamlined menus
  - Enhanced and more intuitive search functionalities
  - New statistical and graphing functions
  - Correction of bugs
IT Project: Enhancements to SPS IMS & SPS NSS

- Two-phase project launched in 2015
  - **Phase I:** Enhancement of SPS NSS – Testing platform available
  - **Phase II:** Enhancement of SPS IMS – Testing platform will be available during 1st semester of 2016
New SPS IMS: How will it look like?


Information Management System

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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 the 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.
New SPS IMS: How will it look like?

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New graphing reports
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Practical Exercise
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