



## WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2018

The WTO Secretariat plans to organize a number of specific technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2018:

- **E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement** (<http://ecampus.wto.org/>)
  - E-Learning course in English, French and Spanish available throughout the year
- **National SPS Seminars**
  - Upon request by any WTO Member or Observer. The online application form to request a WTO National SPS Seminar is available at: [https://wto.formstack.com/forms/national ta requests](https://wto.formstack.com/forms/national_ta_requests)
- **Thematic SPS Workshop on Control, Inspection and Approval Procedures** (in English, French and Spanish)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 9-10 July 2018
  - Open to all WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries may apply for funding
  - Pre-requisite: government officials involved in the implementation of the SPS Agreement, or in the work of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
  - Deadline for application for funding: **3 April 2018**
- **2018 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement** (in Spanish)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 22 October to 9 November 2018
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement
  - Deadline for application for funding: **8 June 2018**
- **Regional SPS Workshops**
  - Regional SPS workshops will be held upon request from regional organizations
  - To submit a request: Regional organizations (or a Member in conjunction with a regional organization) must submit an official letter indicating the purpose and expected outcome of the workshop, their expected contribution and the proposed dates. This formal request should be addressed to the Director of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) and sent by fax to: +(41) 22 739 57 64 or by e-mail to: [ITTCRegionalDesk@wto.org](mailto:ITTCRegionalDesk@wto.org)
  - Programmes, pre-requisites and selection criteria will be defined for each requested activity.

**For complete information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, funding, pre-requisites, and application processes please consult document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.8](#) and the SPS Technical Assistance gateway at: <http://www.wto.org/sps/ta>**

The online application form for SPS Technical Assistance activities is available at: <https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.eu/forms/2018-wto-sps-technical-assistanceapplication-form/>