

Information from Observer Organizations: SPS Committee – Meeting of 1-2 November 2018

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22.10.18	18-6613	G/SPS/GEN/1657	Report of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	IPPC regional workshops were delivered over the last few months and held in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, Near East and North Africa, and the Pacific. 221 participants from 141 countries. The IPPC secretariat continues supporting contracting parties' capacity development through the application of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool in three countries (Palestine, Tunisia and Uzbekistan) through different projects to develop national capacity development strategies and action plans.
12.10.18	18-6336	G/SPS/GEN/1654	Update on OECD Activities of Interest to the SPS Committee	Recent work on trade-related international regulatory co-operation by the OECD Trade Committee and the OECD Committee for Agriculture. These also include: 1. Estimating Ad Valorem Equivalents of Non-Tariff Measures using a novel econometric method; and, 2. Estimating the trade-enhancing effects of IRC mechanisms with preferential trade agreements.
12.10.18	18-6335	G/SPS/GEN/1653	Update on the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) - Note by the Secretariat	This document provides a brief update on the activities and projects of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) since the last update to the meeting of the SPS Committee in July 2018 (G/SPS/GEN/1627). This includes: 1. Facilitating Safe Trade 2. Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access: P-IMA 3. Good Regulatory Practices 4. Evaluation: Learning Lessons from STDF Projects 5. The STDF Library 6. Project Development 7. Project Implementation
11.10.18	18-6310	G/SPS/GEN/1652	Report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	OIE capacity-building activities also include Seminars for Recently Appointed OIE Delegates and Regional Seminars for the OIE National Focal Points appointed for eight different areas (Animal Disease Notification to the OIE, Veterinary Products, Communication, Animal production Food Safety, Animal Welfare, Veterinary Laboratories, Wildlife and Aquatic Animals).
11.10.18	18-6305	G/SPS/GEN/1651	Technical Assistance to Developing Countries - Communication from Canada	Canada would like to provide an update regarding the provision of technical assistance from January to December 2017. Monetary value of technical assistance committed amounted to approximately CDN \$12.58 million between January and December 2017. Assistance was provided to more than 42 countries – in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin

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				America and the Caribbean, Central Asia and the Asia-pacific region.
10.10.18	18-6282	G/SPS/GEN/1649	IGAD Brief Update Report to the SPS Committee	The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is a regional technical center of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), a regional economic community serving seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda). Technical support was provided to the aforementioned member states by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance trans-boundary animal disease and livestock trade in the region that complement the national development efforts of the member States.
10.10.18	18-6284	G/SPS/GEN/1647	Actividades del Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA) en relación con el Acuerdo sobre la Aplicación de Medidas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias de la OMC	The OIRSA would like to provide an update on: 1. Activities of training, technical assistance and the dissemination of topics related to agro-sanitation and trade; 2. Support for the harmonization and equivalence process; 3. Prevention, Control or Eradication Activities (Programs or Campaigns); 4. Strengthening of national institutions to facilitate trade; 5. Strategic alliances for the benefit of health and commerce.
05.10.18	18-6146	G/SPS/GEN/1645	Information submitted by the Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	IICA would like to present some of the actions and activities that it considers relevant to the work of this Committee. These include: 1. Support for Multilateral Forums Associated with Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (including workshops and courses); and, 2. Other activities (institutional modernization – the application of the Performance, Vision and Strategy, PVS tool to assess the performance and implementation of development strategies for institutions concerned with agricultural health and food safety; and, risk-based sampling).

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03.10.18	18-6096	G/SPS/GEN/1643	Outlook on ECOWAS implemented SPS activities during the period of August - September 2018	<p>ECOWAS would like to present SPS strengthening activities implemented during the period of August – October 2018. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Joint monitoring mission FAO-ECOWAS-CILSS to anticipate risks to food safety and thus inform preparedness and response interventions; 2. Regional training workshop on improving monitoring of fall army worm (FAW) risk, prevalence and impact at country level; 3. Food safety standards harmonization discussion and training on US Food Safety Modernization Act; 4. Regional training workshop of Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) member States Codex Contact Points on how to submit robust applications to the Codex Trust Fund 2, Round 3.