



Standards and Trade
Development Facility

Implementing SPS Measures to Facilitate Safe Trade
Introduction

STDF thematic session

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World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

A global partnership in SPS technical cooperation

- **Coordination mechanism among providers of SPS-related technical cooperation to achieve greater coherence, avoid duplication of effort and enhance results**
- **Knowledge platform for sharing experiences, identification and dissemination of good practices, discussion of cross-cutting topics**
- **Support/funding for development and implementation of projects that assist in complying with international SPS requirements and gaining/maintaining market access**

Objectives of STDF work on SPS and trade facilitation

- **Raise awareness about synergies between implementation of SPS measures and trade facilitation**
- **Identify key needs/good practices to ensure health protection while minimizing trade transaction costs**
- **Make recommendations to enhance future work and technical cooperation focused on SPS and trade facilitation**

SPS Agreement

Recognizing
the right to protect
human, animal, plant
life or health



Avoiding
unnecessary barriers
to trade

Facilitate safe trade

Relevant provisions

- **Least trade-restrictive measure to reach appropriate level of protection (Article 5.6)**
- **Transparency (Article 7 and Annex B)**
- **Control, inspection and approval procedures (Article 8 and Annex C)**

Scope

- **How are SPS measures applied in practice to imports, exports and transit goods?**
- **Are there transactions costs/delays that can be reduced/avoided without compromising SPS objectives?
How?**
- **No direct link to new TF Agreement adopted in Dec 2013 –
but opportunity to enhance dialogue and integrate SPS-
related components in broader TF programmes**

Regional focus

- **Research in Latin America led by IDB - Juliana Salles Almeida**
 - Focusing on quarantine control situation in 18 Latin American countries
- **Research in Africa and Asia commissioned by STDF**
 - Focusing on selected countries and products
 - In Asia, in collaboration with Kees van der Meer and national consultants
 - In Africa, in collaboration with Rob Black, COMESA, TMSA, and regional consultants

Purpose of thematic session

- **Share preliminary findings and recommendations**
- **Exchange comments and experiences**
- **Consider suggestions for possible follow up work**

Expected outputs in 2014

- Regional reports (based on findings at national level)
- STDF Briefing Note

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Many thanks to participating countries and regional partners!