

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROPOSALS –  
SCHEDULE OF WORK**

Decision by the Committee

On 25 June 2003, the Committee adopted the following schedule of work with regard to the proposals relating to special and differential treatment which were referred to the Committee on 20 May 2003 by the Chairman of the General Council.<sup>1</sup>

**Informal and regular meetings of 23-25 June 2003:**

1. Preliminary consideration of the proposals, with a focus on the specific problems to be addressed. To the extent possible, these proposals should be considered within the context of the Committee's on-going consideration of S&D proposals, including those submitted by Egypt (G/SPS/GEN/358) and by Canada (G/SPS/W/127 and G/SPS/W/132). The Committee will be invited to adopt the proposal by Canada, on the basis of the further elaboration suggested by the Secretariat.
2. Immediately following the regular meetings of 24-25 June, the Chairman will submit a report, on his own responsibility, to the General Council regarding the work of the SPS Committee on S&D and implementation issues.

**Before 30 September 2003:**

3. Submission by Members of specific comments on the S&D proposals, including specific suggestions to address any differences of views regarding the proposals.

**Informal and formal meetings of 27-30 October 2003:**

4. Consideration by the Committee of the comments and specific suggestions submitted, with the objective of reaching *ad referendum* agreement on texts of decisions on as many issues as possible.
5. Immediately following the regular meeting, the Chairman will submit a report, on his own responsibility, to the General Council regarding the work of the SPS Committee on S&D and implementation issues.

**30 November 2003**

6. Receipt of any objections to *ad referendum* decisions from the 27-30 October 2003 meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Job(03)/100 and G/SPS/W/135 refer.