

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY OBSERVER GOVERNMENTS

Decision by the Committee at its Meeting of 26-27 June 1995

At its March and June 1995 meetings the Committee discussed the issue of requesting Observer Governments to submit specific relevant information for its consideration, with the objective of increasing the transparency of sanitary and phytosanitary measures and of avoiding, to the extent possible, potential trade difficulties arising from sanitary and phytosanitary requirements. On 26 June 1995, the Committee **decided** that:

1. Observer Governments be encouraged to establish and identify an Enquiry Point which could respond to requests for information concerning specific sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and to provide advance notice, whenever possible, of proposed new sanitary and phytosanitary regulations or changes in sanitary and phytosanitary regulations which might have a significant effect on trade.
2. Observer Governments are invited to submit the following information:
 - (a) identification of those relevant international and regional standards-developing organizations in which they participate;
 - (b) their actions or planned action to implement the obligations of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, including the adaptation of their existing procedures and sanitary and phytosanitary requirements; and
 - (c) a description of their regulatory procedures for the development of sanitary and phytosanitary standards and measures.