

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

APPLICANTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The following additional application for observer status in the SPS Committee was received on 25 October 1999.

I. ASIAN AND PACIFIC COCONUT COMMUNITY (APCC)

1. Membership (13)

Mircronesia (Fed. States of)	Malaysia	Solomon Islands	Vietnam
Fiji	Papua New Guinea	Sri Lanka	
India	Philippines	Thailand	
Indonesia	Samoa	Vanuatu	

2. Mandate, Scope and Area of Work

The APCC is mandated to promote, coordinate and harmonize all activities in the coconut industry. Its activities include:

- (a) assisting and encouraging its members to improve quality of coconut products in order to meet increasing demands made by consumers;
- (b) the establishment of quality standards for coconut products acceptable to both producers and consumers and update them as need arises; and
- (c) the elimination of trade restrictions between importers and exporters.

3. Contribution to the Work of the SPS Committee

The APCC accounts for about 90 per cent of world production and exports of coconut products and represents its members in international fora. It has expertise in the areas of coconut production, processing, quality and trade.

4. Reciprocity

The APCC may invite any non-member state or interested international organizations and/or non governmental organizations to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to it.
