
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

APPLICANTS FOR OBSERVER STATUS

Note by the Secretariat

Revision

1. An application for observer status in the SPS Committee was received on 25 October 1999 from the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC). Information provided by the APCC is summarized below.

1. Membership (18)

Fiji	Papua New Guinea
India	Philippines
Indonesia	Samoa
Jamaica	Solomon Islands
Kenya	Sri Lanka
Kiribati Samoa	Thailand
Malaysia	Tonga
Marshall Islands	Vanuatu
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	Viet Nam

2. Mandate, Scope and Area of Work

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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.
