



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC SESSION ON NOTIFICATION OF
TRADE-FACILITATING MEASURES
WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2017
WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA**

PROGRAMME

The SPS Committee agreed, at its October 2016 meeting, to hold a thematic session on notification of trade-facilitating measures immediately preceding its March 2017 meeting, based on a joint proposal submitted by the European Union and Chile.¹ The session will provide an opportunity for Members to share experiences on how trade-facilitating measures are identified in the notification process.² Members wishing to present their current practices in this regard will have an opportunity to do so.

The thematic session will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday, 22 March 2017, beginning at 10 a.m. in Room CR.

1 INTRODUCTION

Speaker: Rolando Alcala, SPS Secretariat

2 SHARING OF NATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Moderators: Gonzalo Ríos (Chile) and Carlos Alvarez Antolinez (European Union)

Speakers:

- **Carlos Alvarez Antolinez**, Adviser SPS, Directorate D – Food Chain: Stakeholders and International Relations, DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE), European Commission
Notification of Trade-Facilitating SPS Measures - EU practices
- **Gonzalo Ríos**, Head International Negotiations Department, Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), Ministry of Agriculture, Chile
Transparency, Trade-Facilitating SPS Measures, Chile's experience
- **Julia Doherty**, Senior Director of SPS and Agricultural Affairs, Office of the US Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, United States
The US Experience on Trade-Facilitating Measures in Notifications

3 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

Moderators: Gonzalo Ríos (Chile) and Carlos Alvarez Antolinez (European Union)

¹ See section 3 of document G/SPS/W/290.

² This topic was also discussed during the last workshop on transparency in October 2015. The summary report of this workshop is contained in document G/SPS/R/80.