



**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON CONTROL, INSPECTION AND APPROVAL  
PROCEDURES (ANNEX C)  
MONDAY, 9 JULY – TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018  
WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA**

PROGRAMME

*Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>*

1. The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing a workshop on control, inspection and approval procedures to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on Monday, 9 July and Tuesday, 10 July 2018. The workshop will be followed by informal and formal meetings of the SPS Committee during the same week. Representatives of Members, Observers and Observer Organizations are all invited to participate in the workshop, as well as the subsequent meetings of the Committee from 11 to 13 July 2018.
2. Documents G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.8 and G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.8/Add.1 provide information on the workshop. The WTO, with the financial assistance of the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund (DDAGTF), is sponsoring the participation of approximately 40 government officials from developing country Members and Observers in the workshop. The Secretariat has selected participants to be sponsored among applications from government officials in charge of the implementation of the SPS Agreement.
3. The workshop will provide a forum for discussion and experience sharing on developments, challenges and practices in implementing Article 8 and Annex C of the SPS Agreement on control, inspection and approval procedures.<sup>2</sup> Through presentations, practical case stories and discussions, the workshop will aim to expand Members' understanding of the relevant provisions, jurisprudence, guidance from the international standard-setting bodies, as well as regional and national experiences.
4. Members are invited to comment on the following first draft of the programme for the workshop by 21 May 2018. The Secretariat will circulate the final programme after taking into consideration comments received.

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<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

<sup>2</sup> The workshop will present an opportunity to build on the discussions held on control, inspection and approval procedures in the context of the Third Review of the SPS Agreement as included in the adopted report G/SPS/53 of 3 May 2010.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018 (10:00–18:00)**

**Workshop Overview and Objectives**

**Speaker:** WTO Secretariat (TBC)

**Session 1: WHAT? – Overview of the International Framework**

Part I: Overview of Annex C provisions and related jurisprudence

**Speaker:** WTO Secretariat (TBC)

Part II: Overview of relevant work in the 3 Sisters

**Speakers:** (TBC)

- Codex
- OIE
- IPPC

Part III: Relationship between Annex C and the Trade Facilitation Agreement

**Speaker:** WTO Secretariat (TBC)

**Session 2: WHY? – The Rationale behind Annex C**

- Economic rationale behind Annex C provisions
- Impact on trade

This session will include various studies, surveys and other tools that have been developed to highlight obstacles faced by traders, such as Doing Business, Enabling Business of Agriculture, Logistics Performance Index, etc.

**Speaker(s):** (TBC)

**Session 3: HOW? – Implementation of Annex C**

Part I: Case Study on international trade transactions, showing cross-border movement of a sample product and applicable Annex C procedures

**Speaker(s):** (TBC)

Part II: Sharing of Members' experiences

**Speakers:**

- Mr Fred Gorrell, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch, Canadian Food Inspection Agency: *Canada's risk based approach to inspections*
- Ms Delilah Cabb Ayala, Coordinator, SPS Enquiry Point, Belize Agricultural Health Authority: *Third party certification: Experiences from Belize* (title TBC)

- Mr John Mc Evoy, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission, European Union: *The EU approach to systems-based audits*
- Turkey (TBC)
- United States (TBC)

Other speakers (TBC)

**Closing remarks and wrap-up of day 1**

**Speaker:** TBC

**TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018 (10:00–18:00)**

**Opening remarks**

**Session 4: Annex C in the digital world**

Part I: E-certification

**Speaker(s):** (TBC)

- Codex (CCFICS)
- OIE
- IPPC (E-phyto; e-commerce)

Part II: Members' experiences

**Speaker(s):**

- Mr Philippe Loopuyt, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission, European Union: *E-certification in the EU*
- Other (TBC)

**Session 5: Challenges and solutions**

Part I: Specific trade concerns (STCs) related to Annex C

**Speaker(s):** (TBC)

Part II: Safe Trade Solutions

**Speaker:** STDF

Part III: Panel discussion on major challenges and possible solutions to effectively implement Annex C provisions

**Panellists:** CODEX, OIE, IPPC, other (TBC)

**Moderator:** STDF

**Session 6: Development Cooperation – Approaches and Good Practices**

National and regional initiatives

**Speakers:** (TBC)

- Trade Facilitation Programme (International Trade Centre)
- Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (WTO)
- Trade Facilitation Support Program (World Bank)
- Other

**Session 7: Conclusions**

Speakers will identify a few key conclusions of the sessions. This session will also include a question and answer period.

**Speakers:** (TBC)

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