

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS

Note by the Secretariat¹

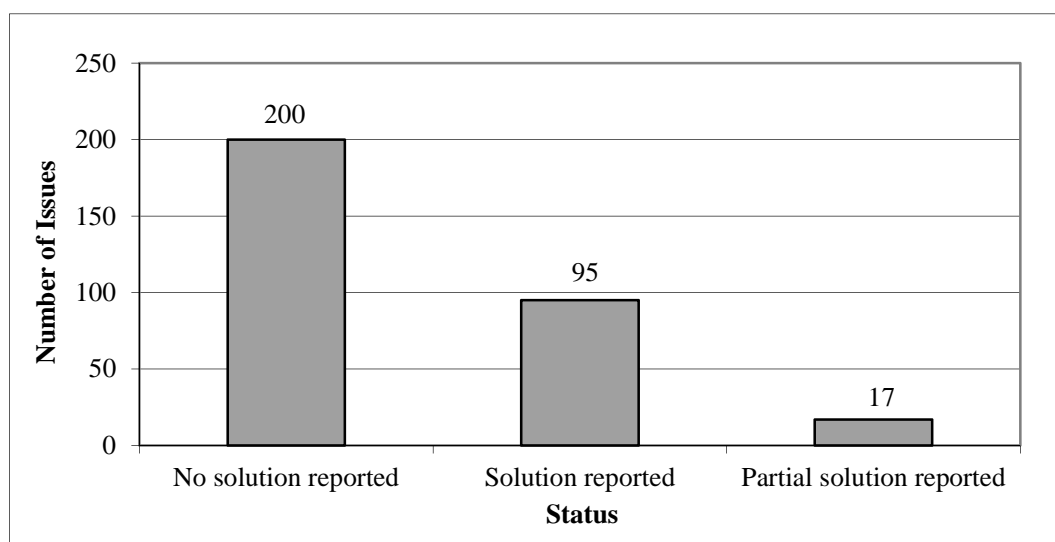
Corrigendum

Thirteen Specific Trade Concerns for which resolution had been reported during 2010 were incorrectly included as "unresolved" in G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.11 and its Addenda 1 and 2. The following paragraphs, figures and tables should be corrected as indicated below.

G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.11, paragraph 10 and figure 4 should read:

10. Figure 4 indicates that 95 trade concerns have been reported resolved out of the 312 trade concerns raised over the sixteen years. Seventeen issues were reported resolved in 2010. Seventeen trade concerns have been reported partially solved. In these instances, trade may have been allowed for selected products or by some of the importing Members maintaining the measure in question. No solutions have been reported for the remaining 200 trade concerns. Excluding the 22 new issues raised in 2010, there are 178 trade concerns that are at least one year old and for which no solution has been reported. However, some of these concerns may have been resolved without the Committee being aware of these developments.

FIGURE 4 – SOLVED TRADE CONCERNS



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LIST OF SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (1995 – 2010)

Specific trade concern number	Description of Measure	Member(s) Maintaining the Measure	Member(s) Raising the Issue	Status²	Symbol
6	Importation of cheese	Canada	European Union	R	Add.1
38	Temporary prohibition of fresh pork and products	Argentina	European Union	R	Add.1
63	Information on dioxin	Certain Members	European Union	R	Add.1
78	Notification on methyl bromide	Australia	European Union	R	Add.1
83	Restrictions on milk powder imports	Panama	European Union	R	Add.1
121	Imports of clementines	United States	European Union	R	Add.1
140	Imports of live ostriches	Brazil	European Union	R	Add.1
143	Regulation on wood packaging material	China	European Union	R	Add.1
149	Restrictions on food products	Panama	European Union	R	Add.1
155	Import requirements for Netherlands Truss Tomatoes	Australia	European Union	R	Add.1
204	Notification by Members of implementation of ISPM 15	Certain Members	European Union	R	Add.1
233	Phytosanitary import legislation	Israel	European Union	R	Add.1
236	Restrictions on beef exports under the Hilton Quota	Argentina	European Union	R	Add.1

G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.11/Add.1 and Add.2

The 13 Specific Trade Concerns identified above should be removed from Addendum 2 and included in Addendum 1, with a final paragraph each time:

"At the meeting of 20-21 October 2010, the European Union reported that this trade concern had now been resolved."

G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.11/Add.1, from the second to fifth paragraphs, including Figures 1 to 3, should read:

A total of 46 specific trade concerns were brought to the attention of the Committee during 2010, of which 22 were new issues. Figure 1 shows all trade concerns raised or for which a resolution or other action was reported in 2010, by subject. Overall, 12 issues (26 per cent) relate to food safety, 13 issues (28 per cent) relate to plant health and four issues (9 per cent) relate to other concerns. The remaining 17 issues (37 per cent) relate to animal health and zoonoses; this category includes issues such as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) that are also relevant for food safety. Figure 2 indicates that TSEs account for 23 per cent of animal health concerns raised in 2010, while

² NR= Not Reported, P = Partially resolved, R= Resolved

issues related to foot and mouth disease account for 12 per cent, avian influenza for 24 per cent, and the remaining 41 per cent concern other animal health issues.

FIGURE 1 - TRADE CONCERNS BY SUBJECT – 2010

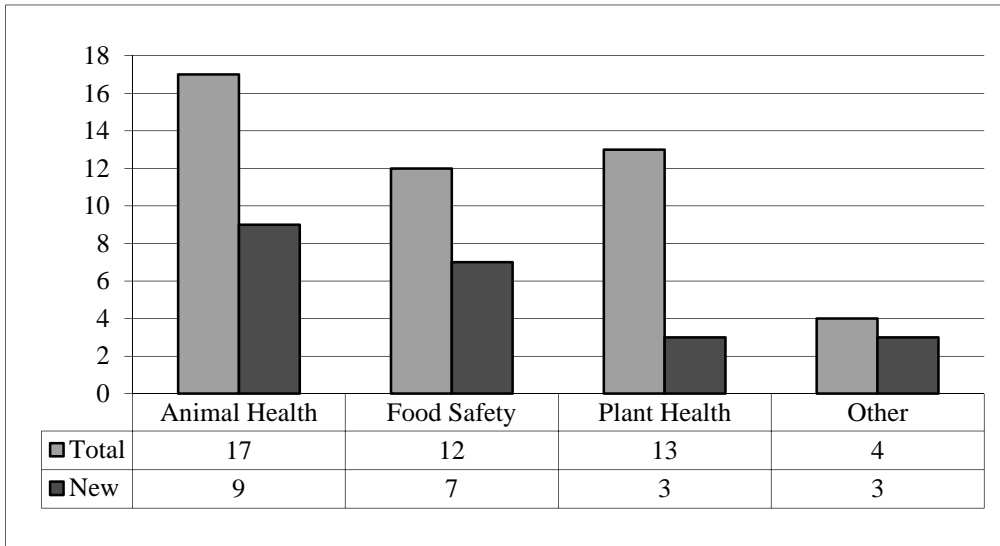


FIGURE 2 - TRADE CONCERNS RELATED TO ANIMAL HEALTH & ZOOSES – 2010

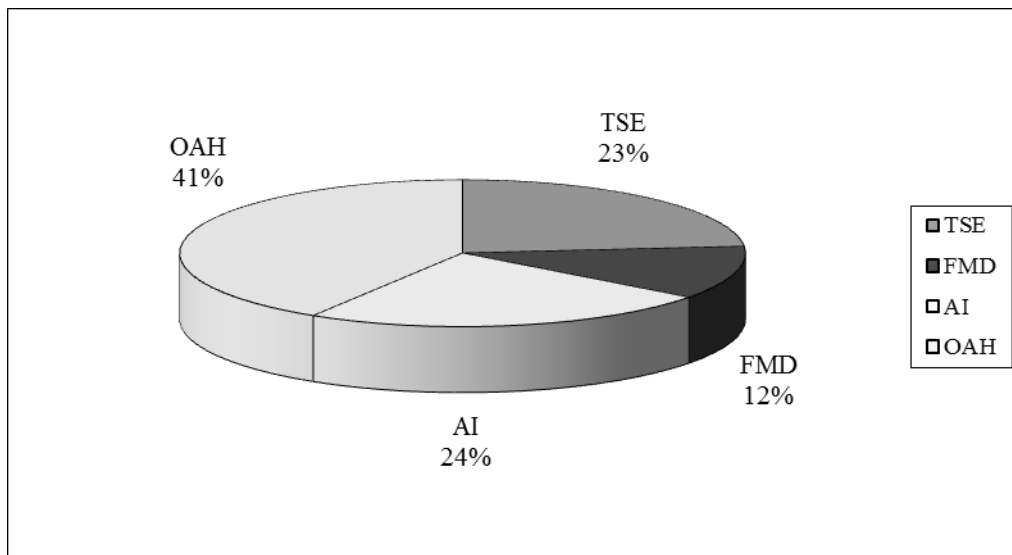
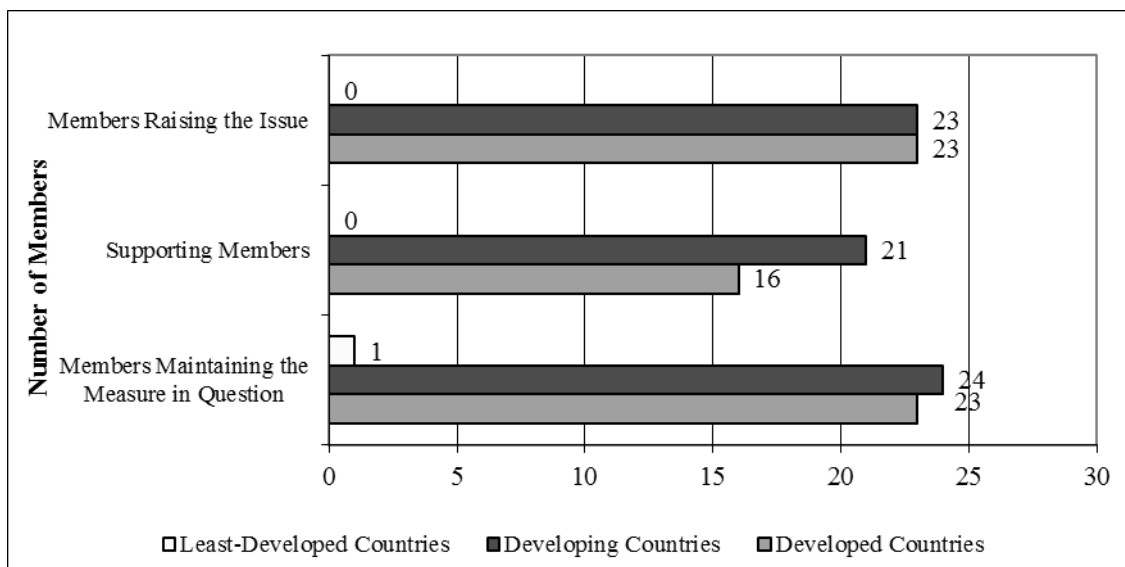


FIGURE 3 - PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS - 2010



Of the 46 trade concerns discussed in 2010, in 23 cases a developed country Member has raised the issue, compared to 23 cases for developing country members. On some occasions, developing and developed country Members have raised or supported the same issue. No cases were raised by a least-developed country Member in 2010. Developed country Members have supported another Member raising the issue in 16 cases and developing country Members have supported another Member in 21 cases. No cases were supported by a least-developed country Member in 2010.

In 24 cases, the measure at issue was maintained by a developing country Member, and in 23 cases it was maintained by a developed country Member. Some specific trade concerns are with regard to measures maintained by more than one Member, including combinations of developed and developing countries. For the first time, a trade concern regarding measures maintained by a least-developed country Member was raised.

Seventeen trade concerns raised in 2010 were put on the agenda solely to report that they had been resolved, and in one case, the Committee was informed that a partial solution had been found. Six of the resolved issues related to animal health, three to food safety and eight to plant health protection. The partially resolved issue related to TSEs.