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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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In September 2022, the Secretariat contacted 37 Members to seek information regarding the status (resolved, partially resolved or not resolved) of their specific trade concerns (STCs) that had not been raised since November 2020. Based on responses received from 17 Members, 27 STCs are considered as resolved, and 11 STCs as partially resolved. Where an STC has been raised by more than one Member but not all those who raised the STC have reported it as resolved, the STC is considered to be partially resolved. STCs where trade may have been allowed for selected products or by some of the importing Members maintaining the measure in question, but not by all, are also considered partially resolved. Information relative to the reported status of STCs is available in the [Trade Concerns Database](#).

[Table 1](#) identifies the STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2022 exercise.

**Table 1. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2022 exercise**

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
<a href="#">19</a>	Protected zones	European Union	Uruguay	Resolved
<a href="#">45</a>	Import restrictions on cheese	Australia; New Zealand	<b>European Union; Switzerland</b>	Resolved <sup>1</sup>
<a href="#">62</a>	Restrictions on imports of horses	India	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">96</a>	Geographical BSE risk assessment	European Union	<b>Canada; Chile; India</b>	Partially resolved <sup>2</sup>
<a href="#">126</a>	Import requirements for seed potatoes	Brazil	<b>Canada; European Union</b>	Resolved <sup>3</sup>
<a href="#">159</a>	Proposal on animal by-products	European Union	<b>China; United States</b>	Partially resolved
<a href="#">165</a>	Import restrictions on Spanish olive oil	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; United Arab Emirates; Certain Members	European Union	Resolved <sup>4</sup>
<a href="#">183</a>	Implementation of ISPM 15	Canada	<b>Chile; Uruguay</b>	Resolved <sup>5</sup>
<a href="#">213</a>	Restrictions on beef imports	Japan	<b>European Union; United States</b>	Partially resolved <sup>6</sup>
<a href="#">218</a>	Lack of recognition of regionalization and disease-free status for classical swine fever	Brazil	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">237</a>	Brazil - Lack of regionalization for Newcastle disease and restrictions on live birds	Brazil	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">268</a>	Import restrictions on EC dairy products	United States	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">309</a>	Labelling of products of animal origin	Brazil	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">321</a>	Japan's MRLs applied to sesame	Japan	Paraguay	Resolved

<sup>1</sup> The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [45](#). Switzerland had previously reported on its resolution.

<sup>2</sup> Chile reported on the resolution of STC [96](#). Canada had previously reported on its resolution.

<sup>3</sup> The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [126](#). Canada had previously reported on its resolution.

<sup>4</sup> The European Union had previously reported on the partial resolution of STC [165](#).

<sup>5</sup> Uruguay reported on the resolution of STC [183](#). Chile had previously reported on its resolution.

<sup>6</sup> The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [213](#).

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
<a href="#">325</a>	EU regulations on cadmium in cocoa beans	European Union	<b>Colombia;</b> <b>Ecuador</b>	Partially resolved <sup>7</sup>
<a href="#">357</a>	Accreditation of third-party bodies to conduct food safety audits and to issue certifications	United States	China	Resolved
<a href="#">358</a>	India's import conditions for pork and pork products	India	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">384</a>	General import restrictions due to African swine fever	Certain Members	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">399</a>	Viet Nam's restrictions on plant products	Viet Nam	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">402</a>	Undue delays in Australia's approval process for chicken meat	Australia	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">403</a>	India's amended standards for food additives	India	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">410</a>	Costa Rica's regulation on registration, use and control of pesticides and related substances	Costa Rica	Israel	Resolved
<a href="#">415</a>	US seafood import monitoring programme	United States	China	Resolved
<a href="#">419</a>	United States MRLs for chlorpyrifos	United States	Israel	Resolved
<a href="#">427</a>	India's fumigation requirements for grain and other products	India	<b>Madagascar;</b> <b>Senegal;</b> Ukraine	Partially resolved <sup>8</sup>
<a href="#">430</a>	EU maximum level of cadmium in foodstuffs	European Union	Colombia; Côte d'Ivoire; Ecuador; <b>Madagascar;</b> Peru	Partially resolved
<a href="#">434</a>	India's fumigation requirements for teak tree wood	India	Colombia	Resolved
<a href="#">440</a>	New Zealand's draft import health standard for vehicles, machinery and equipment	New Zealand	Japan	Resolved
<a href="#">445</a>	The Russian Federation's restrictions on beef and swine meat (G/SPS/N/RUS/145)	Russian Federation	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">455</a>	Indonesia's undue delay in authorization procedures for beef	Indonesia	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">462</a>	Viet Nam's general restrictions on imports (melons, live cattle, beef, and meat and bone meal)	Viet Nam	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">465</a>	Thailand's approval procedures for imports of pork and other animal products	Thailand	<b>Brazil;</b> European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">467</a>	EU sanitary requirement for importation of hoof and horn	European Union	Indonesia	Resolved
<a href="#">468</a>	The Russian Federation's maximum limit of 3-monochloropropanediol (3MCPD) and glycidyl ester (GE) in palm oil products	Russian Federation	Indonesia	Resolved

<sup>7</sup> Colombia reported on the partial resolution of STC [325](#). Ecuador had previously reported on its partial resolution.

<sup>8</sup> Madagascar reported on the resolution of STC [427](#). Senegal had previously reported on its resolution.

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<a href="#">469</a>	EU Regulation on high risk plants (Regulation (EU) 2016/2031)	European Union	Israel	Partially resolved
<a href="#">472</a>	India's fumigation requirements for grain and other products	India	Russian Federation	Resolved
<a href="#">480</a>	Guatemala's import restrictions on bovine and swine meat	Guatemala	Mexico	Partially resolved
<a href="#">483</a>	Costa Rica's import restriction on dairy and dairy products	Costa Rica	Mexico	Partially resolved

Note: When more than one Member is raising an STC, the Member(s) in bold type indicates the one which notified the (partial) resolution of the issue.

The Secretariat had conducted a similar exercise in 2020, 2017 and in 2013. [Table 2](#), [table 3](#) and [table 4](#) identify the STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in 2020, 2017 and in 2013, respectively.

**Table 2. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2020 exercise**

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
<a href="#">1</a>	Shelf-life requirements	Korea, Republic of	<b>Australia;</b> <b>Canada;</b> United States of America	Resolved*
<a href="#">7</a>	Regionalization in relation to animal health	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">15</a>	Zoosanitary import policies pertaining to BSE	Canada	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">21</a>	Fresh fruit and vegetables	Indonesia	<b>Australia;</b> United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">40</a>	Trade restrictions in response to cholera	European Union	Tanzania	Resolved*
<a href="#">44</a>	Measures related to BSE	United States of America	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">46</a>	Import prohibition of coconut palms and related products	Brazil	Philippines	Partially resolved
<a href="#">58</a>	Notification on refrigeration and labelling requirements for shell eggs	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">70</a>	Import conditions for pork meat and products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">72</a>	Measures regarding canned tuna in oil	Belgium; European Union	Philippines	Partially resolved
<a href="#">84</a>	Import restrictions affecting BSE-free countries	Argentina; Australia; Canada; Korea, Republic of; New Zealand; United States of America	Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Estonia; Latvia; Poland; Romania; Slovak Republic; Slovenia	Partially resolved
<a href="#">97</a>	Restrictions on the use of fishmeal	European Union	Chile; <b>Norway;</b> Peru	Partially resolved
<a href="#">99</a>	Restrictions on importation of sugar cane top	Japan	Indonesia	Partially resolved
<a href="#">102</a>	Import restrictions on potted plants	United States of America	European Union	Partially resolved

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<a href="#">103</a>	FMD-related import restrictions	Unspecified	Argentina; <b>European Union</b>	Partially resolved
<a href="#">111</a>	FMD restrictions	Indonesia	Argentina	Partially resolved
<a href="#">119</a>	Notification on Chinese fruit imports	Philippines	China	Resolved*
<a href="#">120</a>	Restrictions on pigmeat	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">130</a>	Restrictions on shellfish	European Union	Indonesia	Resolved
<a href="#">131</a>	Pesticide and antibiotic limits in honey (EC Directive 96/23/EC)	European Union	Cuba	Resolved
<a href="#">133</a>	Official control restrictions on citrus and other fresh fruits and vegetables	Japan	<b>New Zealand</b> ; United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">147</a>	Regulation on food additives	Japan	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">148</a>	Amendment of the food sanitation law	Japan	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">152</a>	Restrictions on melons	United States of America	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">161</a>	EC Directive 2001/661/EC regarding foot and mouth disease	European Union	South Africa	Resolved
<a href="#">163</a>	Restrictions on Austrian products	Mexico	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">170</a>	Live animals and animal products	European Union	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">178</a>	Revision of standards and specifications for food and additives	Japan	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">185</a>	Restrictions due to avian influenza	India	<b>European Union</b> ; United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">186</a>	Phytosanitary import restrictions	India	<b>European Union</b> ; United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">195</a>	Restrictions on citrus	Barbados	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Resolved
<a href="#">198</a>	Regulation on aflatoxins and Ocratoxin A in foods for infants and young children	European Union	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">201</a>	Standards and specifications for food additives (boscalid)	Japan	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">203</a>	Rule on materials derived from cattle and record-keeping requirements	United States of America	Argentina; <b>China</b>	Partially resolved
<a href="#">205</a>	Slaughter of imported breeding cattle	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">210</a>	Restrictions on imports of chicken meat	Guatemala	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">211</a>	Restrictions on the transit of avocados	Guatemala	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">217</a>	Import restrictions on apples	Australia	New Zealand	Resolved
<a href="#">224</a>	Restrictions on EC exports of plant and animal products	Japan	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">234</a>	Suspension of importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses	Thailand	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">249</a>	Reform of Australia's IRA process	Australia	European Union	Resolved

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<a href="#">258</a>	Import restrictions on beef and beef products due to Blue Tongue disease	Unspecified	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">269</a>	Restrictions on apples	United States of America	China	Resolved
<a href="#">272</a>	Rapid Alert System regarding mango imports	European Union	Senegal	Resolved
<a href="#">279</a>	Import restrictions on pork products relating to Influenza A/H1N1	Armenia; Bahrain, Kingdom of; China; Gabon; Indonesia; Jordan; Suriname	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">280</a>	New meat import conditions	Indonesia	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">282</a>	Measures on food products containing meat, poultry or processed egg products	United States of America	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">289</a>	Measures on catfish	United States of America	<b>China</b> ; Viet Nam	Partially resolved
<a href="#">296</a>	SPS notification practices	China	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">299</a>	US 2009 Food Safety Enhancement Act	United States of America	<b>China</b> ; India	Partially resolved
<a href="#">310</a>	Measures on canned sardines	Brazil	Morocco	Resolved
<a href="#">314</a>	Ban on offals	Viet Nam	<b>European Union</b> ; United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">319</a>	Chinese quarantine and testing procedures for salmon	China	Norway	Resolved
<a href="#">322</a>	Polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware	European Union	<b>China</b> ; Hong Kong, China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">323</a>	Import restrictions on pork and pork products	Malaysia	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">330</a>	Indonesia's port closures	Indonesia	<b>Chile; China; European Union; New Zealand</b> ; United States of America	Partially resolved**
<a href="#">331</a>	EU limits of aluminium in flour products	European Union	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">332</a>	Restrictions related to FMD	Japan	Argentina	Partially resolved
<a href="#">333</a>	Trade restrictive measures due to the Schmallenberg Virus	Unspecified	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">338</a>	Import ban on live animals from the EU	Russian Federation	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">339</a>	Restrictions on tomatoes	United States of America	Senegal	Partially resolved
<a href="#">340</a>	Requirements for importation of sheep meat	Türkiye	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">347</a>	Import restrictions on apples, pears and citrus	India	Argentina	Partially resolved
<a href="#">351</a>	EU temperature treatment requirements for imports of processed meat products	European Union	Russian Federation	Resolved
<a href="#">352</a>	US proposed rule on good manufacturing practice for human food	United States of America	China	Partially resolved

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<a href="#">355</a>	EU import requirements for orchid tissue culture plantlets in flasks	European Union	Chinese Taipei	Resolved
<a href="#">365</a>	Import conditions on poultry	Saudi Arabia	European Union	Resolved
<a href="#">371</a>	India's import requirements for blueberries and avocados	India	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">377</a>	Brazil's regulation on international certificates for fish and fishery products	Brazil	China	Resolved
<a href="#">388</a>	US proposed rule for user fees for agricultural quarantine and inspection services	United States of America	Mexico	Resolved
<a href="#">389</a>	Chinese import regime, including quarantine and testing procedures for fish	China	Norway	Resolved
<a href="#">397</a>	India's amendment to its import policy conditions for apples; Restriction to Nhava Sheva port	India	<b>Chile;</b> <b>New Zealand</b>	Resolved*
<a href="#">400</a>	Undue delays in the start of Australia's risk analysis for avocados	Australia	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">401</a>	Undue delays in Viet Nam's approval process for dairy and meat products	Viet Nam	Chile	Partially resolved
<a href="#">405</a>	China's import restrictions due to Schmallerberg virus	China	European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">416</a>	China's import ban on fresh mangosteen	China	Indonesia	Resolved
<a href="#">481</a>	Costa Rica's import restrictions on swine meat products	Costa Rica	Mexico	Partially resolved

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\* Status changed from "Partially resolved" to "Resolved".

\*\* This STC has been reported as resolved by Chile, China and New Zealand (2020), and the United States (2013). The European Union has reported it as partially resolved (2020).

**Table 3. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2017 exercise**

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
<a href="#">48</a>	Import ban on livestock	Türkiye	<b>Hungary;</b> United States of America	Resolved*
<a href="#">61</a>	Import restrictions on bovine semen	India	<b>Canada;</b> European Union	Partially resolved
<a href="#">88</a>	Import restrictions due to FMD	Canada; United States of America	Hungary	Resolved
<a href="#">108</a>	Cut flowers	European Union	<b>Ecuador;</b> Israel	Partially resolved
<a href="#">123</a>	Restrictions on imports of potatoes, onions, fertilised eggs, day-old chicks and meat products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	<b>Canada;</b> Colombia	Resolved*

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<a href="#">135</a>	Restrictions on beef and pork	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">137</a>	Import restrictions on meat and meat products	United States of America	Switzerland	Resolved
<a href="#">141</a>	Pest risk assessments for imports of plant origin	Brazil	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">208</a>	Food and feed hygiene rules	European Union	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">239</a>	Tolerance levels for soil content on potato tubers	Dominican Republic	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">264</a>	Maximum residue levels for Ethephon in pineapple	European Union	Ecuador	Partially resolved
<a href="#">274</a>	Korea's Livestock Epidemic Prevention Act	Korea, Republic of	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">276</a>	Maximum residue levels for pesticides in cocoa	European Union	Ecuador	Partially resolved
<a href="#">285</a>	Import restrictions on fresh pork meat and beef	United States of America	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">287</a>	Import restrictions on fresh pork meat and beef	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">291</a>	BSE Measures	Chinese Taipei	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">304</a>	Proposed MRL for 1-Methylcyclopropene in bananas	Canada	Ecuador	Partially resolved
<a href="#">317</a>	Mexico's BSE measures	Mexico	Canada	Resolved
<a href="#">325</a>	EU regulations on cadmium in cocoa	European Union	Colombia; <b>Ecuador</b>	Partially resolved
<a href="#">326</a>	Restrictions on table grapes, apples and pears	Thailand	South Africa	Partially resolved
<a href="#">362</a>	Import restrictions on beef due to BSE	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">363</a>	Import Restrictions on Beef due to BSE	China	Brazil	Resolved
<a href="#">398</a>	Viet Nam's restrictions on fruit due to fruit flies	Viet Nam	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">404</a>	South Africa's revised veterinary health certificates for the import of cattle, sheep and goats from Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland	South Africa	Namibia	Resolved

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\* Status changed from "Partially resolved" to "Resolved" as the other Member that raised the same concern had previously reported resolution of this STC.



**Table 4. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2013 exercise**

The table below should be read in conjunction with document [G/SPS/GEN/1269](#), where the European Union reports on the resolution of the STCs that it has raised.

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
<a href="#">17</a>	Cosmetics and BSE	European Union	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">26</a>	Phytosanitary issues in general	Certain Members	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">33</a>	Salmonella-related restriction on fishmeal imports	European Union	<b>Chile</b> ; Peru	Partially resolved
<a href="#">37</a>	Actions taken by local governments	United States of America	Chile	Resolved
<a href="#">85</a>	Import restrictions on prawns and prawn products; revised generic IRA for prawns and prawn products	Australia	<b>China</b> ; Thailand	Partially resolved
<a href="#">97</a>	Restrictions on the use of fishmeal	European Union	<b>Chile</b> ; Norway; Peru	Partially resolved
<a href="#">123</a>	Restrictions on imports of potatoes, onions, fertilised eggs, day-old chicks and meat products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Canada; <b>Colombia</b>	Partially resolved
<a href="#">134</a>	SPS measures on animal products	Romania	Moldova, Republic of	Resolved
<a href="#">138</a>	Pest risk assessment requirements	Argentina	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">145</a>	Import restrictions on chicken meat imports	Honduras	Costa Rica	Resolved
<a href="#">146</a>	Ban on hormones in animal production	Indonesia	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">162</a>	Fumigation standards	Japan	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">171</a>	Animal health conditions and certification requirements for live fish	European Union	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">173</a>	Notification on uses of living modified organisms	Japan	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">174</a>	Notification on transboundary movement of living modified organisms	Korea, Republic of	Australia	Resolved
<a href="#">176</a>	Notification on maximum tolerance levels for Ocratoxin A in coffee	Germany; European Union	<b>Colombia</b> ; Papua New Guinea	Partially resolved
<a href="#">179</a>	Guidelines for maximum residue level (MRL) testing	Korea, Republic of	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">183</a>	Implementation of ISPM 15	Certain Members	<b>Chile</b> ; Uruguay	Partially resolved
<a href="#">197</a>	Regulation on Ocratoxin A in coffee	European Union	Colombia	Resolved
<a href="#">199</a>	Deviation from international standard for wood packing material	Spain; European Union	United States of America	Resolved

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<a href="#">200</a>	Ban on food grade wax	India	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">207</a>	Directives on residual pesticide tolerance and inspection methods for tea	European Union	China	Partially resolved
<a href="#">212</a>	Positive list system for pesticides, veterinary drugs and feed additives MRLs	Japan	<b>China;</b> United States of America	Partially resolved
<a href="#">216</a>	Restrictions on Ya pears imports	United States of America	China	Resolved
<a href="#">221</a>	Safety insurance and quality improvement standards for feed and feed additives	Japan	China	Resolved
<a href="#">225</a>	Restrictions on US poultry	Mexico	United States of America	Resolved
<a href="#">230</a>	Phytosanitary requirements on fresh oranges	Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Resolved
<a href="#">241</a>	Import restrictions on wooden Christmas trees	United States of America	China	Resolved
<a href="#">277</a>	NAPPO draft standard for ships and cargoes from areas infested with Asian gypsy moth	Canada; Mexico; United States of America	China	Resolved
<a href="#">284</a>	Rule on importation of wooden handicrafts from China	United States of America	China	Resolved
<a href="#">290</a>	Suspension of inspection and delivery of plant and animal health certificates for imports	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Colombia	Resolved
<a href="#">297</a>	Registration Requirement for Pet Food Export Enterprises	Canada	China	Resolved
<a href="#">308</a>	Restrictions on Bovines and Bubalines for Reproduction	Brazil	Colombia	Resolved
<a href="#">312</a>	Restrictions on Beef Exports due to BSE-Related Concerns	Mexico	Nicaragua	Resolved
<a href="#">330</a>	Indonesia's port closures	Indonesia	China; European Union; New Zealand; <b>United States of America;</b>	Partially resolved

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