



**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE USE OF THE PROCEDURE TO ENCOURAGE  
AND FACILITATE THE RESOLUTION OF SPECIFIC SANITARY  
OR PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES AMONG MEMBERS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12.2 ([G/SPS/61](#))**

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT<sup>1</sup>

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1. The "Procedure to encourage and facilitate the resolution of specific sanitary or phytosanitary issues among Members in accordance with Article 12.2" in document [G/SPS/61](#) (the *ad hoc* consultations procedure) was adopted by the Committee on 9 July 2014. This decision requires the Secretariat to report once a year on the use of the procedure.

1.2. This report covers the period from 1 October 2022 until 30 September 2023. During this time-period, one Member requested consultations under the *ad hoc* consultations procedure.

**2 NEW REQUESTS**

2.1. On 6 October 2022, Brazil requested the Good Offices of the Chair under Article 12.2 of the SPS Agreement and the *ad hoc* consultations procedure regarding issues pertaining to the export of swine meat to Mexico, related to three previously discussed specific trade concerns (STCs) ([STC ID 263](#), [STC ID 271](#), and [STC ID 489](#)<sup>2</sup>). On 27 October 2022, Mexico provided a response in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of the *ad hoc* consultations procedure. Mexico rejected the request because it had published the requirements to be met for the importation of pork from Brazil to Mexico and thus was of the view that it was not necessary to continue with the Good Offices of the Chair.

2.2. In accordance with paragraphs 2.2 and 2.5 of the *ad hoc* consultations procedure, Brazil's request and Mexico's response to the request were circulated on the same day, on 8 November 2022, in documents [G/SPS/GEN/2078](#) and [G/SPS/GEN/2079](#).

2.3. Furthermore, in accordance with paragraph 2.6 of the *ad hoc* consultations procedure, at the November 2022 Committee meeting, the Chair informed the Committee of this request for consultations and the corresponding answer to that request.<sup>3</sup>

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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> At the July 2023 Committee meeting, Brazil provided information about the resolution of [STC ID 489](#). See paragraph 4.175 of the summary report of the July 2023 Committee meeting ([G/SPS/R/110](#)).

<sup>3</sup> See paragraphs 4.1-4.4 of the summary report of the November 2022 Committee meeting ([G/SPS/R/108](#)).