

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**DOCUMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS CIRCULATED DURING 2003**

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

For the information of the Committee, the Secretariat has compiled the following summary identifying all documents which have been submitted by Members and observer International Intergovernmental Organizations, as well as those prepared by the Secretariat, with relation to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures during calendar year 2003.<sup>2</sup> This summary includes notifications and revised notifications, but does not include addenda and corrigenda to notifications.

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<sup>2</sup>For documents issued in 2002, see G/SPS/GEN/372.

**NOTIFICATIONS AND OTHER SPS DOCUMENTS**

Country	Notifications		Other SPS Documents		
	Normal	Emergency	Symbol	Subject	Date of Issue
<b>Argentina</b>	ARG/71		G/SPS/W/123/Add.1	Paragraph 5 of the Decision on Equivalence: Guidance for accelerated procedures for the recognition of equivalence of products historically traded	20.05.03
			G/SPS/W/123/Add.2	<i>Idem</i> – Guidelines for accelerated procedures for the recognition of equivalence of SPS measures	08.10.03
			G/SPS/W/130	Comments on the proposed clarification of paragraph 7 of the Decision on Equivalence	24.03.03
			G/SPS/GEN/377	Evolution of the FMD disease eradication plan in Argentina	26.03.03
			G/SPS/GEN/425 & Corr.1	Special meeting on the strengthening of national notification authorities	18.09.03
			G/SPS/GEN/433	Implementation of the regionalization principle	22.10.03
<b>Australia</b>	AUS/145-157		G/SPS/GEN/429	Special meeting of the SPS Committee on enquiry points – 31 October 2003	14.10.03
<b>Barbados</b>			G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.30	Questionnaire on technical assistance	05.02.03
<b>Belgium</b>	BEL/9				
<b>Bulgaria</b>	BGR/7-18				
<b>Brazil</b>	BRA/75-78	BRA/74			
	BRA/80-90	BRA/79			
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>		BHR/4			
<b>Canada</b>	CAN/153/Rev.1	CAN/157	G/SPS/GEN/394	Risk assessment on BSE in cattle in Canada	08.05.03
	CAN/157/Rev.1 & Rev.2	CAN/161/Rev.1 & Rev.2	G/SPS/GEN/415	Update on BSE	23.07.03
	CAN/158-160	CAN/179-180	G/SPS/GEN/448	Developments in Canada regarding BSE	30.10.03
	CAN/162-178 CAN/181/Rev.1-195				
<b>Cameroon</b>			G/SPS/GEN/401	Technical assistance	20.05.03

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Chile	CHL/121-127	CHL/128	G/SPS/W/129	Comments on Chapter 6 of the SPS Agreement – Regionalization	21.03.03
	CHL/129-134	CHL/135	G/SPS/W/140 & Rev.1	Draft decision on the implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	23.10.03
	CHL/136-150	CHL/151-153			30.10.03
	CHL/154-167		G/SPS/GEN/381	Additional comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement – Regionalization	01.04.03
			G/SPS/GEN/383	Chile: free of avian influenza	02.04.03
		G/SPS/GEN/435	Implementation of ISPM no. 15 "Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade" in national standards	23.10.03	
China	CHN/17-43	CHN/16	G/SPS/W/131 & Corr.1	Proposal for amending the recommended transparency procedures relating to the comment period of SPS notifications	31.03.03
			G/SPS/GEN/378	Report of the analysis on SPS notifications in 2002	31.03.03
			G/SPS/GEN/452	China's transitional review mechanism	11.11.03
Colombia	COL/69 COL/71-72	COL/70	G/SPS/GEN/391	Response to the request by Argentina – FMD	08.05.03
			G/SPS/GEN/420	Foot-and-mouth disease	11.08.03
			G/SPS/GEN/434	Questions posed by Colombia to the European Commission regarding notification G/SPS/N/DEU/9	22.10.03
Costa Rica			G/SPS/GEN/347/Rev.1/ Add.1	Honduras – Restrictions in absolute terms on the entry of poultry meat from Costa Rica – Additional questions	11.02.03
			G/SPS/GEN/412	Inclusion in the list of third countries in the European market for organic plant products	21.07.03
			G/SPS/GEN/422	Costa Rica accepted by Switzerland and the principality of Liechtenstein for inclusion in their list of third countries for organic plant products	14.08.03
Croatia			G/SPS/GEN/416	Import measures on live animals and meat products	01.08.03
Cyprus			G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.32	Questionnaire on technical assistance	24.03.03

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			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Czech Rep.</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Dominican Republic</b>			G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.33 & Corr.1	Questionnaire on technical assistance	25.03.03
<b>Egypt</b>			G/SPS/W/143	SPS and developing countries – Transparency: (Article 10.1) "Pre-notification"	05.11.03
<b>El Salvador</b>	SLV/46-54				
<b>Estonia</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03

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<b>European Communities</b>	EEC/182-204	EEC/205	G/SPS/W/137	China's transitional review mechanism – Questions to China	02.10.03
	EEC/206	EEC/207	G/SPS/GEN/390	The Avian Influenza situation in EC member States	07.05.03
	EEC/208-226	EEC/227	G/SPS/GEN/405	Response to the comments from Argentina (G/SPS/GEN/354) to the replies by the European Commission to the comments provided by several WTO Members to the legislative proposals notified under either or both G/TBT/N/EEC/6 – G/SPS/N/EEC/149 and either or both G/TBT/N/EEC/7 – G/SPS/N/EEC/150	19.06.03
	EEC/228-230		G/SPS/GEN/414	The Avian Influenza situation in EC member States	23.07.03
			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
			G/SPS/GEN/455	Comments from the EC notification authority and enquiry point to the issues proposed for consideration by the Secretariat and to Members reactions – Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points – 31 October 2003	20.11.03
			G/SPS/GEN/456 & Corr.1	The EC notification authority and enquiry point for the WTO SPS Agreement: Operational procedures and recent experience – Reflection Note – Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points – 31 October 2003	05.12.03
			G/SPS/GEN/461	Review of the SPS Agreement – Update on adaptation to regional conditions	12.12.03
			JOB(03)/110	Comments on Argentina's proposal (G/SPS/W/123/Add.1)	11.06.03
<b>France</b>	FRA/4-6				
<b>Georgia</b>	GEO/18-22				
<b>Germany</b>	DEU/7-9				
<b>Guatemala</b>	GTM/10-20				

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<b>Hong Kong, China</b>		HKG/20			
<b>Hungary</b>	HUN/16-17 HUN/19	HUN/18	G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Indonesia</b>	IDN/19				
<b>Jamaica</b>		JAM/6			
<b>Japan</b>	JPN/92-104 JPN/106-110	JPN/105	JOB(03)/194	Comments on the special and differential proposals set out in JOB(03)/100	02.10.03
<b>Jordan</b>	JOR/4	JOR/3			
<b>Korea</b>	KOR/123-128 KOR/130-141 KOR/143-149	KOR/129 KOR/142			
<b>Latvia</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Lithuania</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Malaysia</b>		MYS/13-15			
<b>Malta</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Mauritania</b>			G/SPS/GEN/457	Proposal on the operation of enquiry points for sanitary and phytosanitary measures	05.12.03
<b>Mauritius</b>	MUS/10	MUS/11			

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<b>Mexico</b>	MEX/192	MEX/191	G/SPS/W/136	Transparency	04.09.03
	MEX/195-203	MEX/193-194	G/SPS/GEN/382	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures – Technical co-operation programme	01.04.03
		MEX/204	G/SPS/GEN/387	Communication from Mexico – Mexican official standards	15.04.03
			G/SPS/GEN/388	Comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement – Regionalization	01.05.03
			G/SPS/GEN/440	Regionalization – Information for the recognition of fruit fly-free areas	28.10.03
			G/SPS/GEN/451	Special meeting on the strengthening of national notification authorities	31.10.03
			G/SPS/GEN/459	The Supplement to the National Standardization Programme	05.12.03
<b>Netherlands</b>	NLD/59-60				
<b>New Zealand</b>	NZL/198-210	NZL/211-213	G/SPS/GEN/392	Japan's official control restrictions	08.05.03
	NZL/214-230	NZL/231-235			
	NZL/236	NZL/237-240			
	NZL/241-273				
<b>Nicaragua</b>	NIC/1-18				
<b>Norway</b>	NOR/7-10				
<b>Pakistan</b>			G/SPS/GEN/436	Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points – Communication by the Department of Plant Protection	24.10.03
<b>Panama</b>	PAN/41		G/SPS/GEN/438	Special meeting on the strengthening of national enquiry points and notification authorities	28.10.03

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Paraguay			G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.34	Questionnaire on technical assistance	15.07.03
			G/SPS/GEN/413	Foot-and-mouth disease	21.07.03
			G/SPS/GEN/454	Health information concerning FMD	18.11.03
Peru	PER/44-47	PER/48	G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.31	Questionnaire on technical assistance	06.03.03
	PER/49-50	PER/51	G/SPS/GEN/386	Peru: Country free from "Citrus black spot", "Sweet orange scab" and "Citrus canker"	15.04.02
	PER/52-53	PER/54-55	G/SPS/GEN/417	Peru initiates a process for the declaration and recognition of areas free from and of low prevalence of fruit flies <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> and <i>Anastrepha spp</i>	01.08.03
	PER/56	PER/57	G/SPS/GEN/418	Peru close to eradicating foot-and-mouth disease	01.08.03
	PER/58-61	PER/62	G/SPS/GEN/444	Asparagus integrated pest management	29.10.03
	PER63-65		G/SPS/GEN/445	Fruit fly-free areas and areas of low prevalence of fruit flies	29.10.03
			G/SPS/GEN/446	Monitoring and control of poultry diseases	29.10.03
Philippines	PHL/49	PHL/46-48			
Poland			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
Romania	ROM/4				
Senegal			G/SPS/GEN/441	Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points	28.10.03
Singapore	SGP/23-25				



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<b>Slovakia</b>			G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>Slovenia</b>	SVN/18-21		G/SPS/GEN/426 & Corr.1	Transparency – Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities	30.09.03
<b>South Africa</b>	ZAF/15-17		G/SPS/GEN/373	The failure of the European Communities to amend EC Directive 2001/661/EC allowing the import of bone in meat from ovine/caprine species from countries zoned free from FMD without vaccination	26.02.03
<b>Spain</b>	ESP/2				
<b>Sri Lanka</b>			G/SPS/GEN/295/Add.2/Rev.2	Questionnaire on technical assistance	06.06.03
<b>Switzerland</b>	CHE/32				
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	TPKM/15-25		G/SPS/W/138	China's transitional review mechanism – Questions to China	02.10.03
			G/SPS/GEN/402 & Corr.1	Eradication of FMD disease in Chinese Taipei	27.05.03
			G/SPS/GEN/419	Approval of FMD-free with vaccination status	11.08.03
			JOB(03)/114	Comments on Argentina's proposal (G/SPS/W/123/Add.1)	17.06.03
<b>Thailand</b>	THA/93-107	THA/108	G/SPS/GEN/450	Thailand's implementation of the transparency provisions under the SPS Agreement	31.10.03
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>		TTO/2/Rev.1-TTO/4			

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United States	USA/654-688	USA/689	G/SPS/W/139	China's transitional review mechanism – Questions to China	20.10.03
	USA/690-696	USA/697	G/SPS/W/141	Elaboration of the proposal to enhance transparency of special and differential treatment in favour of developing country Members	27.10.03
	USA/698-704	USA/705			
	USA/706-721	USA/722	G/SPS/GEN/181/Add.3	Technical assistance to developing countries provided by the United States	19.06.03
	USA/723-748	USA/749			
	USA/750-843				
				G/SPS/GEN/400	Venezuela's sanitary import permits
Uruguay			G/SPS/GEN/389	Measures taken by Uruguay with regard to BSE	07.05.03
Venezuela	VEN/1-11		G/SPS/GEN/442	Executive report by Venezuela	28.10.03

**DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY OBSERVERS**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>
<b>CODEX</b>	G/SPS/GEN/393	Recent activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	08.05.03
	G/SPS/GEN/404	The international portal for food safety, plant, and animal health (IPFSAPH)	12.06.03
	G/SPS/GEN/447	Information on activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission	29.10.03
<b>IPPC</b>	G/SPS/GEN/439	Equivalence	27.10.03
	G/SPS/GEN/449	Summary of the work of the IPPC – June-October 2003	30.10.03
<b>OIE</b>	G/SPS/GEN/380	List of seminars and workshops organized by the OIE in 2002 and planned for 2003	31.03.03
	G/SPS/GEN/406	Guidelines for reaching a judgement of equivalence of sanitary measures	19.06.03
	G/SPS/GEN/407	Issues of interest to the SPS Committee discussed by the OIE International Committee at the 71 <sup>st</sup> General Session	19.06.03
	G/SPS/GEN/437	Implementing the standards of the OIE	28.10.03
<b>IICA</b>	G/SPS/GEN/376	Actions aimed at implementing the WTO SPS Agreement	25.03.03
	G/SPS/GEN/427	IICA's experience in implementing the WTO Agreement on SPS	13.10.03
	G/SPS/GEN/431	Actions aimed at implementing the WTO SPS Agreement	21.10.03
<b>OIRSA</b>	G/SPS/GEN/395	Report on activities undertaken by OIRSA in relation to the SPS Agreement	08.05.03
	G/SPS/GEN/408	Report on activities undertaken by OIRSA in relation to the SPS Agreement	20.06.03
	G/SPS/GEN/443	Report on activities undertaken by OIRSA in relation to the SPS Agreement	29.10.03
<b>COSAVE</b>	G/SPS/GEN/369	Notification of COSAVE standards	28.01.03
	G/SPS/GEN/432	<i>Idem</i>	21.10.03

**DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE SECRETARIAT**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>
G/SPS/19/Add.2	Decision on the implementation of Article 4 of the SPS Agreement – Decision by the Committee	15.07.03
G/SPS/25	Decision to modify and extend the provisional procedure to monitor the process of international harmonization – Adopted by the Committee on 25 June 2003	01.07.03
G/SPS/26	Special and differential treatment proposals – Schedule of work – Decision by the Committee	02.07.03
G/SPS/27 & Corr.1	Implementation and special and differential treatment – Report by the Chairman to the General Council	04.07.03
G/SPS/28 & Corr.1	Procedure to monitor the process of international harmonization – Fifth annual report	07.07.03
G/SPS/29	Report to the Council for Trade in Goods on China's transitional review	11.11.03
G/SPS/30	Implementation and special and differential treatment – Report by the Chairman to the General Council	20.11.03
G/SPS/W/78/Rev.2	International intergovernmental organizations – Requests for observer status in the SPS Committee – Revision	29.01.03
G/SPS/W/102/Rev.1	Questionnaire on SPS-related web sites	21.10.03
G/SPS/W/103/Rev.1	Questionnaire on the operation of SPS enquiry points and national notification authorities	15.09.03
G/SPS/W/128 & Rev.1 to 3	Clarification of paragraph 7 of the Decision on Equivalence	04.03.03 16.05.03 10.06.03 02.07.03
G/SPS/W/132 & Rev.1	Elaboration of the proposal to enhance transparency of special and differential treatment within the SPS Agreement	20.05.03 08.07.03
G/SPS/W/133	Procedure to monitor the process of international harmonization – Draft Fifth Annual Report	06.06.03
G/SPS/W/134	Review of the provisional procedure to monitor the process of international harmonization	10.06.03
G/SPS/W/135	Special and differential treatment proposals – Schedule of work – Proposal by the Chairman	13.06.03
G/SPS/W/142	Draft decision on further clarification of paragraph 5 of the Decision on Equivalence (G/SPS/19)	30.10.03
G/SPS/GEN/27/Rev.10 & Rev.11	Implementation of the transparency obligations as of 24 March 2003	25.03.03 24.10.03
G/SPS/GEN/49/Rev.5	Membership in WTO and international standard-setting bodies	24.03.03
G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.3	Specific trade concerns	26.03.03
G/SPS/GEN/368	Notification issued during the month of December 2002	17.01.03
G/SPS/GEN/370	<i>Idem</i> – January 2003	11.02.03
G/SPS/GEN/374	<i>Idem</i> – February 2003	14.03.03
G/SPS/GEN/385	<i>Idem</i> – March 2003	14.04.03
G/SPS/GEN/396	<i>Idem</i> – April 2003	13.05.03
G/SPS/GEN/403	<i>Idem</i> – May 2003	11.06.03
G/SPS/GEN/410	<i>Idem</i> – June 2003	10.07.03

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G/SPS/GEN/421	<i>Idem</i> – July 2003	11.08.03
G/SPS/GEN/424	<i>Idem</i> – August 2003	15.09.03
G/SPS/GEN/428	<i>Idem</i> – September 2003	13.10.03
G/SPS/GEN/453	<i>Idem</i> – October 2003	14.11.03
G/SPS/GEN/460	<i>Idem</i> – November 2003	11.12.03
G/SPS/GEN/371	The standards and trade development facility (STDF)	18.02.03
G/SPS/GEN/372	Documents and notifications circulated during 2002	25.02.03
G/SPS/GEN/409	Dates of meetings of the SPS Committee – 2004	01.07.03
G/SPS/GEN/423	Operation of the standards and trade development facility (STDF)	27.08.03
G/SPS/GEN/430	Issues for consideration – Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points – 31 October 2003	14.10.03
G/SPS/GEN/458	Special meeting of the SPS Committee on the operation of enquiry points – 31 October 2003 – Presentations by participants	12.12.03
G/SPS/R/28	Meeting of 7-8 November 2003	05.02.03
G/SPS/R/29 & Corr.1	Meeting of 2-3 April 2003	17.06.03
G/SPS/R/30 & Corr.1-3	Meeting of 24-25 June 2003	04.09.03
G/SPS/R/31 & Corr.1	Meeting of 29-30 October 2003	23.12.03
JOB(03)/62	Annotated draft agenda – Meeting of 2-3 April 2003	25.03.03
JOB(03)/100	Proposals on special and differential treatment referred to the SPS Committee – Message from the Chairman of the SPS Committee	23.05.03
JOB(03)/115	Annotated draft agenda – Meeting of 24-25 June 2003	18.06.03
JOB(03)/203	Annotated draft agenda – Meeting of 29-30 October 2003	22.10.03
JOB(03)/204	Special meeting on the operation of SPS enquiry points – Programme	31.10.03
G/SPS/INF/15	Seminar on technical assistance and capacity building related to the SPS Agreement – 5 November 2002 – List of representatives	10.02.03
G/SPS/ENQ/14/Add.1 & Add.2	National enquiry points	26.03.03 17.06.03
G/SPS/ENQ/15	<i>Idem</i>	24.10.03
G/SPS/ENQ/16 & Corr.1	<i>Idem</i>	05.12.03
G/SPS/NNA/4/Add.1 & Add.2	National notification authorities	28.03.03 17.06.03
G/SPS/NNA/5 & Corr.1	<i>Idem</i>	24.10.03
G/SPS/NNA/6 & Corr.1	<i>Idem</i>	05.12.03
G/L/661	Report (2003) on the activities of the SPS Committee	