

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**COMPENDIUM OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING ARTICLE 6  
OF THE SPS AGREEMENT - REGIONALIZATION**

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

Revision

**Comments/proposals from Members**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>1999</b>	South Africa	Article 6.2, 6.3 and Annex A3(B): Recognition of the concept of pest- or disease-free areas as an international standard, guideline or recommendation	G/SPS/GEN/139
<b>2003</b>	Chile	Comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement (Recognition procedures)	G/SPS/W/129
	Chile	Additional comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement (Proposed guidelines for the recognition procedure)	G/SPS/GEN/381
	Mexico	Comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement (Procedures related to the recognition of disease-free areas)	G/SPS/GEN/388
<b>2004</b>	Canada	Decision on the implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement (Proposal)	G/SPS/W/145
	Chile	Draft decision on the implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/140, Rev.1 & Rev.2
	Chile	Clarifications – Regionalization and the need for guidelines to improve its implementation	G/SPS/W/164
	Chile	Responses to questions from the Chairman of the WTO SPS Committee concerning regionalization	G/SPS/W/165

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<b>2004 (cont'd)</b>	European Communities	Draft decision on the implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement – Comments on the proposal of Chile (W/140/Rev.1)	G/SPS/W/144
	New Zealand	Monitoring of international harmonization: Regionalization	G/SPS/W/151
	Peru	Regionalization	G/SPS/W/148
	United States	Regionalization (experiences and observations)	G/SPS/GEN/477
<b>2005</b>	Australia	Monitoring of international harmonization: Regionalization	G/SPS/W/172
	Argentina	Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/GEN/606
	Brazil	Improving the application of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/177
	Canada	Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/GEN/613
	Chile	Proposal by Chile to further the discussion concerning the implementation of Article 6 on regionalization	G/SPS/W/171
	Chile	Notification of recognition of pest- and disease-free zones	G/SPS/W/181
	Colombia	Procedures for recognition of pest- or disease-free areas or areas of low pest or disease prevalence under Article 6 of the SPS agreement, on Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/611
	European Communities	Clarification of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/GEN/588
	Japan	The implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement - Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/605
<b>2006</b>	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay	Comments on Secretariat's report "Issues in the Application of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures" (G/SPS/GEN/640)	G/SPS/W/189
	Australia	Issues in the application of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/191 & Add.1
	Brazil	Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement – Regionalization	G/SPS/W/185
	Ecuador	Comments on Article 6 - Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/623
	Egypt	Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement - Procedures for recognition of pest- or disease-free areas or areas of low pest or disease prevalence	G/SPS/W/193

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<b>2006 (cont'd)</b>	European Communities	Application of Article 6 of the SPS the Agreement	G/SPS/GEN/632
	European Communities	Comments on Secretariat's report "Issues in the Application of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures" (G/SPS/GEN/640)	G/SPS/W/190
	Grenada	Implementation of the provisions of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/194
	Japan	Issues in the application of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/192
	Korea	The implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement - Regionalization	G/SPS/W/195
	Mexico	Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/622
	New Zealand	Procedures for recognition of pest- or disease-free area or areas of low pest prevalence under Article 6 – Comparison of standards developed by the international standard-setting bodies	G/SPS/GEN 698/Rev.1
		Comments on Secretariat's report "Issues in the Application of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures" (G/SPS/GEN/640/Rev.1)	G/SPS/GEN/725
	Chinese Taipei	Comments on Secretariat's report "Issues in the Application of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures" (G/SPS/GEN/640)	G/SPS/W/205
	United States	Additional comments on Article 6 of the SPS Agreement - Adaptation to regional conditions	G/SPS/GEN/631
	United States	Comments on the Secretariat's report "Issues in the Application of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures" (G/SPS/GEN/640)	G/SPS//199

**Information regarding Members' experiences**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>1998</b>	Chile	Declaration as a country free of classical swine fever - Statement by Chile	G/SPS/GEN/81
<b>1999</b>	Costa Rica	Declaration of Costa Rica as a country free of classical swine fever	G/SPS/GEN/110
	Costa Rica	Declaration that Costa Rica is a country free of Newcastle disease, velogenic, viscerotropic form	G/SPS/GEN/119
	European Communities	Review of the SPS Agreement – Adaptation to regional conditions - Equivalence	G/SPS/GEN/101
<b>2000</b>	Indonesia	Declaration of disease-free status	G/SPS/GEN/162

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2001	Argentina	Foot-and-mouth disease measures affecting exports of Argentine products	G/SPS/GEN/269 & Rev.1
	Paraguay	Country free from foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/254
2002	Argentina	Evolution of the national foot-and-mouth disease eradication plan in Argentina	G/SPS/GEN/315
	Argentina	Evolution of the national foot-and-mouth disease eradication plan in Argentina	G/SPS/GEN/323
	Honduras	Sanitary Measures adopted by Honduras in connection with its avian health situation	G/SPS/GEN/362
	Korea	Foot-and-mouth disease eradication in the Republic of Korea 2002	G/SPS/GEN/348
	Paraguay	Statement made at the meeting of 7-8 November 2002 (Newcastle disease)	G/SPS/GEN/359
	Paraguay	Foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/360
	Paraguay	Situation in Paraguay regarding the programme to keep the country free of Newcastle disease	G/SPS/GEN/361
2003	Argentina	Evolution of the foot-and-mouth disease eradication plan in Argentina	G/SPS/GEN/377
	Argentina	Implementation of the regionalization principle	G/SPS/GEN/433
	Chile	Chile: Free of avian influenza	G/SPS/GEN/383
	Chinese Taipei	Eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in Chinese Taipei	G/SPS/GEN/402 & Corr.1
	Chinese Taipei	Approval of foot-and-mouth disease free with vaccination status	G/SPS/GEN/419
	Ecuador	Review of the SPS Agreement - Update on adaptation to regional conditions	G/SPS/GEN461
	European Communities	The avian influenza situation in EC member States	G/SPS/GEN/414
	Mexico	Regionalization: Information for the recognition of fruit fly-free areas	G/SPS/GEN/440
	Paraguay	Foot-and-mouth disease (Paraguay's sanitary policy regime)	G/SPS/GEN/413
	Paraguay	Health information concerning foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/454
	Peru	Peru: Country free from "citrus black spot", "sweet orange scab" and "citrus canker"	G/SPS/GEN/386
	Peru	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>	G/SPS/GEN/417
	Peru	Peru close to eradicating foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/418
	Peru	Fruit fly-free areas and areas of low prevalence of fruit flies	G/SPS/GEN/445

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<b>2003 (cont'd)</b>	Peru	Monitoring and control of poultry diseases	G/SPS/GEN/446
	Peru	Current status of foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/531
<b>2004</b>	Colombia	Report on the situation and control of foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/492
	Costa Rica	Establishment of areas free from <i>Ceratitidis Capitata</i>	G/SPS/GEN/527
	Paraguay	Foot-and-mouth disease eradication programme	G/SPS/GEN/505
	United States	Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/477
<b>2005</b>	Brazil	Pest-free area of minas gerais state - <i>micosphaerella fijiensis</i>	G/SPS/GEN/561
	Brazil	Pest-free area of Ceará State - <i>Anastrepha grandis</i>	G/SPS/GEN/562
	Brazil	FMD-free zone – Brazilian experience on regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/584
	Brazil	Newcastle disease - Brazilian experience in certifying Flocks disease free	G/SPS/GEN/608
	Brazil	Classical swine fever - Brazilian experience in regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/609
	Chile	Experience in the application of the principle of regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/610
	Colombia	Experiences in regionalization: Foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/612
	Egypt	Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement - Experience in establishing and maintaining pest-free areas	G/SPS/GEN/630
	Nicaragua	Status of the national classical swine fever eradication programme in Nicaragua	G/SPS/GEN/575
	Nicaragua	Nicaragua initiates Brucellosis and Tuberculosis-free certification for farms	G/SPS/GEN/576
	Peru	Current status of foot-and-mouth disease	G/SPS/GEN/558
	Peru	Recognition of Southern Peru as a foot-and-mouth disease-free zone where vaccination is not practised	G/SPS/GEN/578
	Peru	Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/607
<b>2006</b>	Grenada	Implementation of the provisions of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/W/194
	Mexico	Regionalization: Information for the recognition of fruit fly-free areas	G/SPS/GEN/440/Rev.1

**Secretariat papers**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>2006 (cont'd)</b>	WTO Secretariat	Compendium of documents regarding Article 6 of the SPS Agreement –Regionalization	G/SPS/GEN/636 & Corr.1
	WTO Secretariat	Issues in the application of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	G/SPS/GEN/640 & Rev. 1

**Information from the international standards-setting bodies**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>2004</b>	IPPC	Regionalization and the International Plant Protection Convention	G/SPS/GEN/529
<b>2005</b>	IPPC	Regionalization (excerpts of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Commission on Phytosanitary Measures report)	G/SPS/GEN/568
	OIE	Recognition of Member countries health status	G/SPS/GEN/542 & Add.1
	OIE	New or revised standards being proposed for adoption at the 73 <sup>rd</sup> OIE General Session (May 2005)	G/SPS/GEN/552
	OIE	Chapter 1.3.5 – Zoning and compartmentalization	G/SPS/GEN/574
<b>2006</b>	OIE	OIE activities on zoning and compartmentalization	G/SPS/GEN/625
	IPPC	Update of activities of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) - June 2005 – January 2006	G/SPS/GEN/626
	IPPC	Update of activities of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) - June 2005 – January 2006	G/SPS/GEN/707