

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPS AGREEMENT**

Information for the Workshop on 31 March 2006

Communication from Jamaica

The following communication, received on 17 March 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Jamaica.

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1. In preparation for the Workshop on the Implementation of the SPS Agreement, Members were invited to submit information on their experiences or their suggestions and identify models of "best practices" for the issues to be discussed.
  2. With respect to the use of existing tools to improve the implementation of the SPS Agreement at the national level, in Jamaica the tools are:
    - (1) Establishment of a SPS Enquiry Point; and
    - (2) An informal SPS Committee which is Jamaica's formal National Agricultural Health and Food Safety Committee.
  3. With respect to effective strategies for handling SPS notifications at the national level, in Jamaica a weekly SPS newsletter is sent to individuals as well as to some key organizations that encompass a number of different categories of stakeholders. These organizations include:
    - Jamaica Manufacturers Associations
    - Jamaica Exporters Associations
    - Jamaica Agricultural Society
    - Consumers Affairs Commission
    - Jamaica Promotions Corporation.
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