



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**ANNUAL OVERVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION OF SPS TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS AND
SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS**

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*Corrigendum**

Please note that, in [G/SPS/GEN/804/Rev.16-G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.24](#), paragraph 3.17. on page 27 should read as follows:

3 PART B - SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS

3.2 Specific trade concerns considered in 2023

3.17. While in 2023 Committee meetings were still held in hybrid mode, a higher number of delegates were present in the Geneva compared to the previous years, allowing for more opportunities for in person bilateral interactions. In 2023, several new and previously raised STCs were removed before the adoption of the agenda due to progress in bilateral consultations. In particular, in March 2023 India withdrew four new STCs: Brazil's MRLs for prothioconazole ([G/SPS/N/BRA/2054](#)); Brazil's MRLs for fluxapyroxad in bananas, pumpkins ([G/SPS/N/BRA/2079/Add.1](#)); Brazil's modifications of MRLs and pre-harvest intervals (PHI) inconsistent with established risk assessment guidelines by FAO ([G/SPS/N/BRA/2029/Add.2](#)); and South Africa's MRLs for abamectin, pyraclostrobin and chlorpyrifos ([G/SPS/N/ZAF/78](#)). In the same meeting, Chinese Taipei did not raise the STC "China's actions related to COVID-19 that affect trade in food and agricultural products ([ID 487](#))", which was only raised by Australia, Japan, and the European Union.² In July 2023, three previously raised STCs were removed from the agenda: Brazil withdrew STC [ID 521](#), Chinese Taipei's import restrictions on poultry and beef; India removed STC [ID 525](#), The Russian Federation's classification of tea as "fruits and vegetables"; and the Russian Federation withdrew STC [ID 527](#), Delays in Thailand's approval procedures for animal products.³ In November 2023, before the adoption of the agenda, the United States withdrew the support it had initially indicated in eAgenda for STC [ID 431](#), South Africa's import restrictions on poultry due to highly pathogenic avian influenza.⁴

¹ 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.

* In English only.

² See paragraph 3.1 of the summary report of the March 2023 SPS Committee meeting ([G/SPS/R/109/Corr.1](#)). These STCs had been included in the annotated draft agenda circulated as [JOB/SPS/26](#).

³ See paragraph 4.1 of the summary report of the July 2023 SPS Committee meeting ([G/SPS/R/110](#)). These STCs had been included in the annotated draft agenda circulated as [JOB/SPS/29](#).

⁴ See paragraph 3.1 of the summary report of the November 2023 SPS Committee meeting ([G/SPS/R/111](#)). This STC had been included in the annotated draft agenda circulated as [JOB/SPS/32](#).