

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

DOCUMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS CIRCULATED DURING 2008

Note by the Secretariat¹

For the information of the Committee, the Secretariat has compiled the following summary identifying all documents which have been submitted by Members, observers 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 2008.² This summary includes notifications and revised notifications, but does not include addenda and corrigenda to notifications.

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 or obligations under the WTO.

² For documents issued in 2007, see G/SPS/GEN/817.

NOTIFICATIONS AND OTHER SPS DOCUMENTS

Country	Notifications		Other SPS Documents		
	Normal	Emergency	Symbol	Subject	Date of Issue
Albania	ALB/47 ALB/66-67	ALB/44-46 ALB/48-65 ALB/68-96			
Argentina	ARG/117-122		G/SPS/W/219	Good Offices of the Chairperson	17.03.08
			G/SPS/W/220	Proposals regarding the Revision of Recommended Procedures regarding Transparency	18.03.08
			G/SPS/GEN/868	Foot and Mouth Disease Situation	21.07.08
Armenia	ARM/11-24				
Australia	AUS/221-223 AUS/226-228	AUS/224-225			
Azerbaijan	AZE/1-2				
Bahrain	BHR/9-20				
Belize			G/SPS/GEN/861	Classical Swine Fever and Foot and Mouth Disease Free Status	04.07.08
			G/SPS/GEN/885	Technical Assistance	21.10.08
Bolivarian Rep. of Venezuela			G/SPS/GEN/854	Comprehensive Agricultural Health System	20.06.08
Brazil	BRA/378-396 BRA/398-459 BRA/461-510	BRA/397 BRA/460			

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Canada	CAN/310-374	CAN/157/Rev.19-21	G/SPS/GEN/866	Update on an Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H7N3) in the Province of Saskatchewan	17.07.08
			G/SPS/GEN/890	United States – Certain Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) Requirements - Request for Consultations	04.12.08
Chile	CHL/270-277 CHL/279-280 CHL/282-284 CHL/286-289	CHL/278 CHL/281 CHL/285	G/SPS/W/221	Chile's Position on the Implementation of the Principle of Transparency in 2008	26.03.08
			G/SPS/W/222	Chile's Position on Regionalization Guidelines for 2008	26.03.08
			G/SPS/GEN/862	Recognition of Pest- and Disease-Free Areas	07.07.08
			G/SPS/GEN/863	Implementation of the WTO SPS Agreement through Bilateral Agreements	07.07.08
China	CHN/104-110		G/SPS/GEN/838	Report on High-level International Food Safety Forum	02.04.08
			G/SPS/GEN/880	NAPPO Draft Standard for Regulating the Movement of Ships and Cargoes aboard those Ships from Areas Infested with the Asian Gypsy Moth	03.10.08
Colombia	COL/153-155 COL/157 COL/159 COL/161 COL/164-165	COL/152 COL/156 COL/158 COL/160 COL/162-163			
Costa Rica	CRI/58-71				
Cuba	CUB/16				
Dominican Rep.	DOM/4 EQV/DOM/1				

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Ecuador	ECU/25-54 ECU/56-81	ECU/55	G/SPS/GEN/841 & Rev.1	MLR for Pineapple – Ethephon	09.05.08
Egypt	EGY/31-32				
El Salvador	SLV/77-79 SLV/81/85	SLV/80			
European Communities	EEC/321-323 EEC/325-333 EEC/335-338	EEC/324 EEC/334 EEC/339	G/SPS/W/231	Transitional Review Mechanism pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (China) - Questions from the European Communities to China concerning Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	21.10.08
			G/SPS/GEN/839	European Communities Technical Assistance in the SPS Sector	08.04.08
			G/SPS/GEN/889	Rules related to the Export of Meat-and-Bone Meal to Third Countries in order to ensure the Prevention and Control of Certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSES)	20.11.08
Guatemala	GTM/43-44				
Haiti			G/SPS/GEN/846	Sanitary Information	17.06.08
Honduras	HND/29-30				
Hong Kong, China	HKG/29-31	HKG/28			
India	IND/53-58				
Indonesia	IDN/32/Rev.1 IDN/38-39				
Japan	JPN/202-222		G/SPS/W/226	Relationship between the SPS Committee and Codex, OIE and IPPC - Comments and Proposal	19.06.08

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Korea, Rep. of	KOR/269/Rev.1 KOR/270-280 KOR/282-308	KOR/281			
Madagascar	MDG/1-2				
Macao, China		MAC/10			
Malaysia	MYS/19				
Mexico			G/SPS/GEN/491/Add.8	Official Standards	14.11.08
			G/SPS/GEN/858	Report on the Classification of Mexico by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) regarding Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy	23.06.08
			G/SPS/GEN/893	United States - Certain Country of Origin Labelling Requirements - Request for Consultations	22.12.08
Morocco	MAR/27-28				
Nepal	NPL/5-11				
The Netherlands	NLD/66-68	NLD/69			
New Zealand	NZL/391-396 NZL/398-415	NZL/397	G/SPS/W/218	Guidelines to further the Practical Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	25.02.08
Nicaragua	NIC/38-50				
Norway	NOR/28	NOR/26-27 NOR/29	G/SPS/GEN/879	SPS Technical Assistance	02.10.08
Oman	OMN/26-40	OMN/41			
Panama		PAN/50-51			
Paraguay	PRY/17-22		G/SPS/GEN/852	Animal Health and Technical Assistance	20.06.08
			G/SPS/GEN/876	Member's Activities	26.09.08

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Peru	PER/166-177 PER/179-180 PER/182-237	PER/178 PER/181	G/SPS/GEN/815	Areas found to be free of <i>Stenoma Catenifer</i> (lepidoptera-oecophoridae) on the Basis of Survey Work on this Pest conducted in Peruvian Coastal Areas where Avocado (<i>Persea Americana</i>) is produced	14.01.08
			G/SPS/GEN/884	European Communities Regulation 258/97 concerning Novel Foods	21.10.08
Philippines	PHL/131-132 PHL/135 PHL/137-138 PHL/142-144	PHL/133-134 PHL/136 PHL/139-141 PHL/145-147			
Qatar	QAT/1-2				
Singapore		SGP/36	G/SPS/GEN/859	Optical Watermark on Export Certificates	24.06.08
South Africa	ZAF/24-25				
Sri Lanka	LKA/9-13				
Switzerland			G/SPS/GEN/844	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)	16.06.08
Chinese Taipei	TPKM/125-147				
Thailand	THA/166-171 THA/174	THA/172-173			
Turkey	TUR/5				
Ukraine	UKR/1				
United Kingdom					

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United States	USA/1748-1827	USA/1828	G/SPS/W/227	Article 12.2 - Consultations - Proposal	23.06.08
	USA/1829-1830	USA/1831	G/SPS/W/229	Transitional Review Mechanism pursuant to Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China ("China") - Questions from the United States to China concerning Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	16.09.08
	USA/1832-1835	USA/1836			
	USA/1837-1867	USA/1868	G/SPS/GEN/181/Add.7	Technical Assistance to Developing Countries provided by the United States	18.06.08
	USA/1869-1871	USA/1872			
	USA/1873-1874	USA/1875			
	USA/1876-1877	USA/1878			
	USA/1879-1880	USA/1881			
	USA/1882-1888	USA/1889			
USA/1890-1892					
Uruguay	URY/6-11		G/SPS/W/225	Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Private Standards	18.06.08
			G/SPS/GEN/843	Private Standards	21.05.08
Viet Nam	VNM/1-4				
Zambia			G/SPS/GEN/836	Information on various SPS Matters	27.03.08

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY OBSERVERS

Organization	Symbol	Subject	Date of Issue
CODEX	G/SPS/GEN/825	Information on Activities	11.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/828	List of Codex Alimentarius Standards, Guidelines, Codes of Practices and Other Texts in Force as of 4 March 2008	19.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/845	Information on Activities	16.06.08
	G/SPS/GEN/881	Information on Activities	03.10.08
IPPC	G/SPS/GEN/832	Work Programme - March 2008	26.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/833	Summary of the Work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) - October 2007-February 2008	26.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/834	Technical Assistance and Cooperation - Planned Activities to be undertaken by the IPPC under the FAO Technical Cooperation Programme - 2008	26.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/848	Standard Setting Work Programme (up-to-date June 2008)	18.06.08
	G/SPS/GEN/849	Decisions from the Third Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (Rome, 7-11 April 2008)	18.06.08
OIE	G/SPS/GEN/822	Considerations relevant to Private Standards in the Field of Animal Health, Food Safety and Animal Welfare	25.02.08
	G/SPS/GEN/830	Capacity-Building Tools and Activities	27.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/853	Report on OIE Activities to the Meeting of the SPS Committee to be held on 24-25 June 2008	20.06.08
	G/SPS/GEN/878	OIE's Work to Facilitate Trade in Animal Products (commodities) and OIE's Key Initiatives in Capacity Building for Members	02.10.08
FAO	G/SPS/GEN/831	FAO Capacity Evaluation Tools for Food Safety, Biosecurity and Plant Protection	25.03.08
IICA	G/SPS/GEN/835	Actions for Implementing the SPS Agreement	27.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/856	Actions aimed at the Implementation of the WTO SPS Agreement	20.06.08
	G/SPS/GEN/882	Actions aimed at the Implementation of the SPS Agreement	03.10.08

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OIRSA	G/SPS/GEN/837	Activities undertaken by the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA) relating to the SPS Agreement	28.03.08
	G/SPS/GEN/857	Activities by the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA) relating to the SPS Agreement	23.06.08
	G/SPS/GEN/883	Activities by the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA) relating to the SPS Agreement	07.10.08
WHO	G/SPS/GEN/838	Report on High-Level International Food Safety Forum	02.04.08
	G/SPS/GEN/855	Major Achievements in 2007	20.06.08
World Bank	G/SPS/GEN/823	Overview of Recent World Bank SPS Activities and Publications	04.03.08
UNIDO	G/SPS/GEN/826	UNIDO SPS-related Capacity Evaluation Tools - A Brief Overview - STDF Workshop on SPS Capacity Evaluation Tools – 31 March 2008	14.03.08

DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE SECRETARIAT

Symbol	Subject	Date of Issue
G/SPS/48	Guidelines to further the Practical Implementation of Article 6 of the SPS Agreement	16.05.08
G/SPS/49	Procedure to Monitor the Process of International Harmonization - Tenth Annual Report - Adopted by the Committee on 25 June 2008	14.07.08
G/SPS/50	Report to the Council for Trade in Goods on China's Transitional Review	07.11.08
G/SPS/7/Rev.3	Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (Article 7) as of 1 December 2008	20.06.08
G/SPS/W/215/Rev.1	Compilation of Proposals regarding the Revision of the 'Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (Article 7)'	14.02.08
G/SPS/W/215/Rev.2	Compilation of Proposals regarding the Revision of the 'Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (Article 7)'	22.04.08
G/SPS/W/217	Proposal for a Mentoring System of Assistance relating to the Transparency Provisions of the SPS Agreement	20.02.08
G/SPS/W/223	Procedure to Monitor the Process of International Harmonization - Draft Tenth Annual Report	03.06.08
G/SPS/W/224	Proposed Revision of the Procedure to Enhance Transparency of Special and Differential Treatment in Favour of Developing Country Members (G/SPS/33)	06.06.08
G/SPS/W/224/Rev.1	Proposed Revision of the Procedure to Enhance Transparency of Special and Differential Treatment in Favour of Developing Country Members (G/SPS/33)	04.09.08
G/SPS/W/228	Proposed Process for the Third Review of the Operation and Implementation of the SPS Agreement	01.08.08
G/SPS/W/230	Private Standards - Identifying Practical Actions for the SPS Committee - Summary of Responses	25.09.08
G/SPS/W/232	Questionnaire on SPS-related Private Standards	08.12.08
G/SPS/GEN/27/Rev.18	Implementation of the Transparency Obligations as of 26 September 2008	01.10.08
G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.8	Specific Trade Concerns	27.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.8/Add.1	Specific Trade Concerns – Issues considered in 2007	27.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.8/Add.2	Specific Trade Concerns – Issues not considered in 2007	27.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/204/Rev.8/Add.3	Specific Trade Concerns – Resolved Issues	27.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/521/Rev.3	SPS Technical Assistance and Training Activities (1 September 1994 to 31 December 2007)	09.06.08
G/SPS/GEN/804/Rev.1	Overview regarding the Level of Implementation of the Transparency Provisions of the SPS Agreement	31.10.08

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G/SPS/GEN/814	Notifications issued during the Month of December 2007	08.01.08
G/SPS/GEN/820	<i>Idem</i> – January 2008	13.02.08
G/SPS/GEN/827	<i>Idem</i> – February 2008	11.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/840	<i>Idem</i> – March 2008	21.04.08
G/SPS/GEN/842	<i>Idem</i> – April 2008	20.05.08
G/SPS/GEN/850	<i>Idem</i> – May 2008	20.06.08
G/SPS/GEN/867	<i>Idem</i> – June 2008	17.07.08
G/SPS/GEN/869	<i>Idem</i> – July 2008	15.08.08
G/SPS/GEN/873	<i>Idem</i> – August 2008	16.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/886	<i>Idem</i> – September 2008	23.10.08
G/SPS/GEN/888	<i>Idem</i> – October 2008	03.11.08
G/SPS/GEN/892	<i>Idem</i> – November 2008	12.12.08
G/SPS/GEN/816	Request for Information on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation	18.01.08
G/SPS/GEN/816/Add.1	Request for Information on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation - Extension of Deadline	20.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/817	Documents and Notifications circulated during 2007	22.01.08
G/SPS/GEN/818	Attachments to SPS Notifications	29.01.08
G/SPS/GEN/819	Introduction of New SPS Measures	13.02.08
G/SPS/GEN/821	Overview of SPS Capacity Evaluation Tools	18.02.08
G/SPS/GEN/824	Availability of Draft Procedural Manual on the Operation of SPS Enquiry Points and National Notification Authorities	11.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/829	Update on the Operation of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	25.03.08
G/SPS/GEN/847	Update on the Operation of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	17.06.08
G/SPS/GEN/851	SPS Technical Assistance Activities in 2008	18.06.08
G/SPS/GEN/860 & Rev.1	Dates of Meetings of the 2009	16.12.08
G/SPS/GEN/864	Committee on Trade and Development - Aid for trade - Mobilizing Aid for Trade for SPS-related Technical Cooperation - Conclusions from Pilot Activities of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	14.07.08
G/SPS/GEN/865	Documents and other Information on Private Standards	11.07.08
G/SPS/GEN/870	SPS/STDF/OECD Workshop on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation - 6 October 2008 - Draft Programme	05.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/871	SPS/STDF/OECD Workshop on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation – East African Region	10.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/872	SPS/STDF/OECD Workshop on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation - Greater Mekong Sub-region: Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam	10.09.08

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G/SPS/GEN/874	SPS/STDF/OECD Workshop on Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Cooperation - Central America Sub-region: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama	26.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/875	Good Practice in SPS-related Technical Assistance an Overview and Synthesis of the Findings of STDF/OECD Research	24.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/877	Update on the Operation of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	26.09.08
G/SPS/GEN/887	Review of the Operation and Implementation of the SPS Agreement - Background Document	03.11.08
G/SPS/GEN/891	Research and Researchers on Private Standards	08.12.08
G/SPS/R/46	Meeting of 18-19 October 2007	02.01.08
G/SPS/R/47	Workshop on Transparency held on 15-16 October 2007	08.01.08
G/SPS/R/48	Report of the STDF Workshop on SPS-related Capacity Evaluation Tools - 31 March 2008	06.05.08
G/SPS/R/49 & Corr.1	Meeting of 2-3 April 2008	18.06.08
G/SPS/R/50	Report of the STDF Information Session on Private Standards - 26 June 2008	24.07.08
G/SPS/R/51 & Corr.1	Meeting of 24-25 June 2008	27.08.08
G/SPS/R/52	Summary Report of the Good Practice Workshop	31.10.08
G/SPS/R/53	Meeting of 8-9 October 2008	22.12.08
Job(08)/23	Annotated Draft Agenda - Meeting of 2-3 April 2008	27.03.08
Job(08)/50	Annotated Draft Agenda - Meeting of 24-25 June 2008	18.06.08
Job(08)/58	Private Standards - Identifying Practical Actions for the SPS Committee	03.07.08
Job(08)/97	Private Standards and Practical Actions for the SPS Committee - Compilation of Responses to the Questionnaire	25.09.08
G/SPS/ENQ/23	National Enquiry Points	27.03.08
G/SPS/ENQ/24	National Enquiry Points	01.10.08
G/SPS/NNA/13	National Notification Authorities	27.03.08
G/SPS/NNA/14	National Notification Authorities	01.10.08
G/L/866	Report (2008) on the Activities of the SPS Committee	07.11.08