



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2020:
GENERAL INFORMATION, SELECTION PROCESS AND APPLICATION FORM**

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Addendum

1. The WTO Secretariat had planned to organize the technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) detailed in document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.10](#) of 3 March 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these activities had to be reviewed, as per document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.10/Add.1](#) of 10 June 2020.

2. This document provides an update on the new E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement and the virtual delivery of the Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America.

1 E-LEARNING COURSE ON THE SPS AGREEMENT

3. The WTO E-Learning platform now includes four interactive courses on the SPS Agreement (SPS E-Learning Courses) which are available on the WTO E-Learning Platform (<https://wtolearning.csod.com>). The four courses are entitled:

- a. Overview of the SPS Agreement and Committee - SPS Course Series 1;
- b. The SPS Agreement and Science - SPS Course Series 2;
- c. Trade Facilitating Operational Provisions of the SPS Agreement - SPS Course Series 3;
- d. Implementation, Administration and Enforcement - SPS Course Series 4.

4. Further information on the platform and registration for the Course is detailed in document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.10](#).

2 REGIONAL SPS WORKSHOP

5. Based on a request received, a Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America, with a focus on transparency and the role of National Notification Authorities, co-organized with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, had been scheduled to take place the week of 16 November 2020 in Santiago, Chile. As the presential workshop could not be held as scheduled, a virtual introductory workshop will be held on 30 November 2020, 2 and 4 December in two-hour sessions. The workshop will be held in Spanish.

6. Specific information and instructions for this regional SPS workshop can be found in Annex I.

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.

ANNEX I

REGIONAL SPS WORKSHOP IN 2020

Title of the activity	Regional Virtual SPS Workshop for Latin America, with a focus on transparency and the role of National Notification Authorities (co-organized with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture)
Dates	Monday, 30 November; Wednesday, 2 December; and Friday, 4 December (16:00-18:00 Geneva time)
Venue	Virtual Platform
Eligible WTO Members and Observers	Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Ecuador; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay; Dominican Republic.
Pre-requisites	Only for government officials holding direct responsibilities in the SPS area. Preference will be given to candidates with direct responsibilities in the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement or in coordination among SPS agencies at the national level, including SPS national enquiry points or national notification authorities. Fluency in Spanish.
Application	Candidates must fill-in and submit the online application form which is available at: https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.com/forms/2020-taller-regional-virtual-sobre-msf/ Candidates should complete and submit the online application form by <u>6 November 2020</u> . Incomplete forms or forms sent after the deadline will not be considered.
Results of the selection	<u>Only</u> selected candidates will be informed about the results of the selection by 16 November 2020. Administrative and logistical information, including the links to the virtual platform, will be provided in due course to the selected candidates.