



**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 25-26 MARCH 2021**

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT<sup>1</sup>

*Corrigendum\**

Please note that paragraph 3.131. and paragraphs 6 and 11 of Annex B of document G/SPS/R/101 should read as follows:

**3.2.26 Indonesia's food safety measures affecting horticultural products and animal products (STC 414) - Concerns of the Philippines**

3.131. The Philippines reiterated its concern about Indonesia's food safety measures affecting horticultural and animal products, without regard to the objective of minimizing negative trade effects in Article 5.4, the requirement in Article 5.6 not to introduce SPS measures that are more trade-restrictive than necessary, transparency obligations under Article 7 and Annex B, and the obligation to undertake approval procedures without undue delay in Article 8 and Annex C of the SPS Agreement. The Philippines noted that additional requirements, such as a GAP certificate, and a license to operate prior to the issuance of permits to importers of shallots, had not been notified to the WTO and that, currently, no permits had been issued to allow the Philippines to export shallots to Indonesia. The Philippines added that undue delays, lack of transparency, the piecemeal and unpredictable approach, and discriminatory requirements without scientific justification were also issues with respect to Indonesia's approval measures for the import of meat and meat products. The Philippines urged Indonesia to be transparent and timely in its approval measures, and refrain from its piecemeal approach of introducing requirements that were cumbersome, costly, and restrictive of trade. The Philippines hoped that bilateral consultations would lead to the resolution of this concern.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**ANNEX B**

**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC SESSION ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER**

**23 MARCH 2021**

**CHAIRPERSON'S SUMMARY**

6. Representatives from the European Commission, Belgium and Germany presented on EU regionalization and special ASF control measures adopted to ensure safe trade. Preparedness, research, regionalization measures based on science and in line with international standards, public awareness, international cooperation, and the availability of transparent information to trading partners were underlined as vital to ensure safe trade. The successful eradication of ASF in Belgium was presented as an example of the effective implementation of the strategy in place. Germany provided the perspective of trade in pork from a Member where ASF is present in wildlife, explaining the steps taken to secure trading based on OIE specifications and emphasizing the importance of biosecurity measures to sustain compartmentalization efforts.<sup>1</sup>

11. Presentations from all sessions of the thematic session will be made available on the [SPS Gateway](#).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> It was subsequently brought to the Secretariat's attention that the sentence should correctly refer to the importance of biosecurity measures to sustain regionalization efforts.

<sup>2</sup> The programme and the presentations of the Thematic Session are available in the website: [https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/sps\\_e/sps\\_thematic\\_session\\_230321\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_thematic_session_230321_e.htm).