



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE SPS AGREEMENT**

DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE¹

*Corrigendum**

Please note that the chart numbers have been corrected in the following paragraphs:

6.11. As can be seen in Chart 1, the share of notifications submitted by developing country Members (excluding LDCs) reaches 51% while the share of those submitted by developed country Members is 48%, reflecting the steady increase in notifications from developing country Members over the years. A very small share comes from LDCs.

6.12. Looking at the geographic regions from which the notifications originate, Chart 2 shows that the majority of notifications come from North America, followed by Asia, and then South and Central America and the Caribbean.³³

10.2. Altogether, 368 specific trade concerns were raised between 1995 and the end of 2013.⁵³ Chart 3 shows the number of new concerns raised each year; about 20 new concerns have been raised annually since 2010. Chart 4 categorizes the trade concerns raised since 2010 into food safety, animal or plant health issues. It is important to keep in mind, however, that some issues may relate to more than one of these categories. Concerns relating to zoonoses, for example, may relate to measures taken with both animal health and food safety objectives. For the purposes of these graphs, a single objective has been designated as the principal concern, however all relevant keywords have been assigned for purposes of electronic searches of the data on specific trade concerns. Since 2010, 45% of trade concerns raised relate to food safety, 17% relate to plant health, and 6% concern other issues such as certification requirements or translation. 32% of concerns raised relate to animal health and zoonoses. The animal health and zoonoses category is further divided into foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), avian influenza (AI) and other animal health concerns (OAH). Chart 5 shows that TSEs account for 24% of animal health concerns raised since 2010, and issues related to FMD also account for 24%. The remaining 52% relate to OAH concerns and AI.

10.4 Developing country Members have been participating actively under this agenda item in the SPS Committee meetings. Chart 6 indicates that over the last four years, developing country Members have raised 56 trade concerns (on many occasions more than one Member has raised, supported or maintained an issue) compared to 28 raised by developed country Members and one raised by a least-developed country Member. A developing country Member has supported another Member raising an issue in 54 cases, compared to 34 for developed country Members and two for

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³³ The geographical groupings used rely on WTO working definitions as identified in the Integrated Database (IDB) for analytical purposes. The same groupings are used in the WTO Annual Reports. North America (NA) here, as well as in Chart 2, includes Canada, Mexico and the United States.

⁵³ Information relevant to this section, but which precedes the period under review, can be found in former revisions of document G/SPS/GEN/204.

⁵⁴ As any individual trade concern can potentially be raised by more than one Member, this explains the apparent double-counting shown in Charts 6 and 7 compared with the overall count of the 78 specific trade concerns raised since 2010.

least-developed country Members. In 35 cases, the measure at issue was maintained by a developed country Member, and in 40 cases it was maintained by a developing country Member. Only one trade concern regarding measures maintained by least-developed country Members has been raised. Chart 7 shows the number of new issues raised since 2010 by each category of Member.⁵⁴

10.5. Members are regularly invited to report on resolved issues without delay. Chart 8 indicates that 141 trade concerns have been reported as resolved out of the 368 trade concerns raised over the 18 years. 62 issues were reported as resolved between 2010 and 2013, 40 of these in 2013 alone. 13 trade concerns were reported as partially solved during the period under review. In these instances, trade may have been allowed for selected products or by some of the importing Members maintaining the measure in question. No solutions have been reported for the remaining 196 trade concerns. It is also likely that other concerns have been resolved without the Committee being made aware of these developments.
