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Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

Revision

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has submitted the following revised Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Working Party.

Plan of Action for the Implementation of the SPS Agreement (updated)

No.	Major obligations	Description of obligations	Responsible body	Related bodies	Time frame
1.	Commit that all newly technical regulations, standards, measures conforming with SPS Agreement (Articles 2 and 14)	On the basis of regulations and specifications of SPS Agreement, Viet Nam ensures all technical regulations, standards, conformity assessment procedures are compliant with provisions specified in this Agreement.	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Science and Technology and other concerned agencies	3 years from the date of accession
2.	Submit a statement on implementation of SPS Agreement	Under WTO general principles, Viet Nam notifies the official time of implementation of the SPS Agreement.	Ministry of Trade	Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other concerned agencies	3 years from the date of accession
3.	Establish the national SPS notification body (Annex B)	<p>Establishing the national SPS notification body based on Government's Decision to assign the Enquiry Point.</p> <p>Building up its organization mechanism and operational rules, regulations.</p> <p>Setting up a SPS website and bulletin to sum up and update a database on technical regulations, standards and assessment procedures applied for SPS purposes.</p>	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development/ Ministry of Trade	Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Science and Technology and other concerned agencies	
4.	Establish the WTO/SPS Enquiry Point (Annex B)	Establishing a SPS Enquiry Point based on Government's decision	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Health, Fishery, Science and Technology	Quarter IV 2004

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5.	Harmonize SPS measures (Article 3)	- Checking, revising and issuing new and/or amending SPS legal documents including rules and procedures conformed with requirements specified in the SPS Agreement	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministries of Justice, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Science and Technology and other concerned agencies	2003-2008
		Continuing to issue national and ministerial standards (TCVN/TCN) related to SPS issues which are in conformity with technical provisions of the SPS Agreement	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Ministries of Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Fishery	On going
6.	Accept equivalent SPS measures (Article 4)	Continuing to sign bilateral agreements and/ or MOUs on SPS and technical standards	Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Science and Technology		On going