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In September 2022, the Secretariat contacted 37 Members to seek information regarding the status (resolved, partially resolved or not resolved) of their specific trade concerns (STCs) that had not been raised since November 2020. Based on responses received from 18 Members, 31 STCs are considered as resolved, and 14 STCs as partially resolved. Where an STC has been raised by more than one Member, but not all those who raised the STC have reported it as resolved, the STC is considered to be partially resolved. STCs where trade may have been allowed for selected products or by some of the importing Members maintaining the measure in question, but not by all, are also considered partially resolved. Information relative to the reported status of STCs is available in the [Trade Concerns Database](#).

[Table 1](#) identifies the STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2022 exercise.

Table 1. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2022 exercise

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
19	Protected zones	European Union	Uruguay	Resolved
45	Import restrictions on cheese	Australia; New Zealand	European Union; Switzerland	Resolved ¹
62	Restrictions on imports of horses	India	European Union	Resolved
96	Geographical BSE risk assessment	European Union	Canada; Chile; India	Partially resolved ²
126	Import requirements for seed potatoes	Brazil	Canada; European Union	Resolved ³
159	Proposal on animal by-products	European Union	China; United States	Partially resolved
165	Import restrictions on Spanish olive oil	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; United Arab Emirates; Certain Members	European Union	Resolved ⁴
183	Implementation of ISPM 15	Canada	Chile; Uruguay	Resolved ⁵
189	Prohibition on the use of specified risk materials and requirements for disabled cattle	United States	Argentina	Resolved
213	Restrictions on beef imports	Japan	European Union; United States	Partially resolved ⁶
218	Lack of recognition of regionalization and disease-free status for classical swine fever	Brazil	European Union	Resolved

¹ The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [45](#). Switzerland had previously reported on its resolution.

² Chile reported on the resolution of STC [96](#). Canada had previously reported on its resolution.

³ The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [126](#). Canada had previously reported on its resolution.

⁴ The European Union had previously reported on the partial resolution of STC [165](#).

⁵ Uruguay reported on the resolution of STC [183](#). Chile had previously reported on its resolution.

⁶ The European Union reported on the resolution of STC [213](#).

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237	Brazil - Lack of regionalization for Newcastle disease and restrictions on live birds	Brazil	European Union	Resolved
268	Import restrictions on EC dairy products	United States	European Union	Resolved
309	Labelling of products of animal origin	Brazil	European Union	Resolved
318	US failure to recognize South Patagonia as FMD-free and to import beef from north of the 42nd parallel	United States	Argentina	Partially resolved
321	Japan's MRLs applied to sesame	Japan	Paraguay	Resolved
325	EU regulations on cadmium in cocoa beans	European Union	Colombia; Ecuador	Partially resolved ⁷
327	EU Court of Justice ruling regarding pollen derived from GMOs	European Union	Argentina	Resolved
336	US measures on fresh lemons from the north west region of Argentina	United States	Argentina	Resolved
337	Delay in finalizing inspection procedures on bovine and poultry meat from Argentina	Canada	Argentina	Resolved
353	EU renewal of GMO approvals	European Union	Argentina	Partially resolved
357	Accreditation of third-party bodies to conduct food safety audits and to issue certifications	United States	China	Resolved
358	India's import conditions for pork and pork products	India	European Union	Resolved
384	General import restrictions due to African swine fever	Certain Members	European Union	Partially resolved
399	Viet Nam's restrictions on plant products	Viet Nam	Chile	Resolved
402	Undue delays in Australia's approval process for chicken meat	Australia	Chile	Resolved
403	India's amended standards for food additives	India	European Union	Resolved
410	Costa Rica's regulation on registration, use and control of pesticides and related substances	Costa Rica	Israel	Resolved
415	US seafood import monitoring programme	United States	China	Resolved
419	United States MRLs for chlorpyrifos	United States	Israel	Resolved
427	India's fumigation requirements for grain and other products	India	Madagascar; Senegal; Ukraine	Partially resolved ⁸

⁷ Colombia reported on the partial resolution of STC [325](#). Ecuador had previously reported on its partial resolution.

⁸ Madagascar reported on the resolution of STC [427](#). Senegal had previously reported on its resolution.

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430	EU maximum level of cadmium in foodstuffs	European Union	Colombia; Côte d'Ivoire; Ecuador; Madagascar ; Peru	Partially resolved
434	India's fumigation requirements for teak tree wood	India	Colombia	Resolved
440	New Zealand's draft import health standard for vehicles, machinery and equipment	New Zealand	Japan	Resolved
445	The Russian Federation's restrictions on beef and swine meat (G/SPS/N/RUS/145)	Russian Federation	Brazil	Resolved
455	Indonesia's undue delay in authorization procedures for beef	Indonesia	Brazil	Resolved
462	Viet Nam's general restrictions on imports (melons, live cattle, beef, and meat and bone meal)	Viet Nam	Brazil	Resolved
465	Thailand's approval procedures for imports of pork and other animal products	Thailand	Brazil ; European Union	Partially resolved
467	EU sanitary requirement for importation of hoof and horn	European Union	Indonesia	Resolved
468	The Russian Federation's maximum limit of 3-monochloropropanediol (3MCPD) and glycidyl ester (GE) in palm oil products	Russian Federation	Indonesia	Resolved
469	EU Regulation on high risk plants (Regulation (EU) 2016/2031)	European Union	Israel	Partially resolved
472	India's fumigation requirements for grain and other products	India	Russian Federation	Resolved
478	Viet Nam's National Technical Regulation on Animal Feeds - Maximum Allowable Limits of Safety Indicators in Animal Feeds and Ingredients for Production of Aquatic Feeds (Circular No. 04/2020/TT-BNNPTNT) and Decree 13/2020 Detailing the Law on Animal Husbandry	Viet Nam	Argentina ; United States	Partially resolved ⁹
480	Guatemala's import restrictions on bovine and swine meat	Guatemala	Mexico	Partially resolved
483	Costa Rica's import restriction on dairy and dairy products	Costa Rica	Mexico	Partially resolved

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⁹ Argentina reported on the resolution of STC [478](#).

The Secretariat had conducted a similar exercise in 2020, 2017 and in 2013. [Table 2](#), [table 3](#) and [table 4](#) identify the STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in 2020, 2017 and in 2013, respectively.

Table 2. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2020 exercise

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
1	Shelf-life requirements	Korea, Republic of	Australia; Canada; United States of America	Resolved*
7	Regionalization in relation to animal health	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
15	Zoosanitary import policies pertaining to BSE	Canada	European Union	Resolved
21	Fresh fruit and vegetables	Indonesia	Australia; United States of America	Partially resolved
40	Trade restrictions in response to cholera	European Union	Tanzania	Resolved*
44	Measures related to BSE	United States of America	European Union	Partially resolved
46	Import prohibition of coconut palms and related products	Brazil	Philippines	Partially resolved
58	Notification on refrigeration and labelling requirements for shell eggs	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
70	Import conditions for pork meat and products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	European Union	Partially resolved
72	Measures regarding canned tuna in oil	Belgium; European Union	Philippines	Partially resolved
84	Import restrictions affecting BSE-free countries	Argentina; Australia; Canada; Korea, Republic of; New Zealand; United States of America	Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Estonia; Latvia; Poland; Romania; Slovak Republic; Slovenia	Partially resolved
97	Restrictions on the use of fishmeal	European Union	Chile; Norway; Peru	Partially resolved
99	Restrictions on importation of sugar cane top	Japan	Indonesia	Partially resolved
102	Import restrictions on potted plants	United States of America	European Union	Partially resolved
103	FMD-related import restrictions	Unspecified	Argentina; European Union	Partially resolved
111	FMD restrictions	Indonesia	Argentina	Partially resolved
119	Notification on Chinese fruit imports	Philippines	China	Resolved*
120	Restrictions on pigmeat	United States of America	European Union	Resolved
130	Restrictions on shellfish	European Union	Indonesia	Resolved
131	Pesticide and antibiotic limits in honey (EC Directive 96/23/EC)	European Union	Cuba	Resolved
133	Official control restrictions on citrus and other fresh fruits and vegetables	Japan	New Zealand; United States of America	Partially resolved
147	Regulation on food additives	Japan	European Union	Partially resolved

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148	Amendment of the food sanitation law	Japan	China	Partially resolved
152	Restrictions on melons	United States of America	Mexico	Resolved
161	EC Directive 2001/661/EC regarding foot and mouth disease	European Union	South Africa	Resolved
163	Restrictions on Austrian products	Mexico	European Union	Partially resolved
170	Live animals and animal products	European Union	Australia	Resolved
178	Revision of standards and specifications for food and additives	Japan	China	Partially resolved
185	Restrictions due to avian influenza	India	European Union; United States of America	Partially resolved
186	Phytosanitary import restrictions	India	European Union; United States of America	Partially resolved
195	Restrictions on citrus	Barbados	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Resolved
198	Regulation on aflatoxins and Ocratoxin A in foods for infants and young children	European Union	China	Partially resolved
201	Standards and specifications for food additives (boscalid)	Japan	China	Partially resolved
203	Rule on materials derived from cattle and record-keeping requirements	United States of America	Argentina; China	Partially resolved
205	Slaughter of imported breeding cattle	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Mexico	Resolved
210	Restrictions on imports of chicken meat	Guatemala	Mexico	Resolved
211	Restrictions on the transit of avocados	Guatemala	Mexico	Resolved
217	Import restrictions on apples	Australia	New Zealand	Resolved
224	Restrictions on EC exports of plant and animal products	Japan	European Union	Partially resolved
234	Suspension of importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses	Thailand	Mexico	Resolved
249	Reform of Australia's IRA process	Australia	European Union	Resolved
258	Import restrictions on beef and beef products due to Blue Tongue disease	Unspecified	European Union	Partially resolved
269	Restrictions on apples	United States of America	China	Resolved
272	Rapid Alert System regarding mango imports	European Union	Senegal	Resolved
279	Import restrictions on pork products relating to Influenza A/H1N1	Armenia; Bahrain, Kingdom of; China; Gabon; Indonesia; Jordan; Suriname	Mexico	Resolved
280	New meat import conditions	Indonesia	European Union	Partially resolved
282	Measures on food products containing meat, poultry or processed egg products	United States of America	China	Partially resolved

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289	Measures on catfish	United States of America	China ; Viet Nam	Partially resolved
296	SPS notification practices	China	European Union	Partially resolved
299	US 2009 Food Safety Enhancement Act	United States of America	China ; India	Partially resolved
310	Measures on canned sardines	Brazil	Morocco	Resolved
314	Ban on offals	Viet Nam	European Union ; United States of America	Partially resolved
319	Chinese quarantine and testing procedures for salmon	China	Norway	Resolved
322	Polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware	European Union	China ; Hong Kong, China	Partially resolved
323	Import restrictions on pork and pork products	Malaysia	European Union	Partially resolved
330	Indonesia's port closures	Indonesia	Chile; China; European Union; New Zealand ; United States of America	Partially resolved**
331	EU limits of aluminium in flour products	European Union	China	Partially resolved
332	Restrictions related to FMD	Japan	Argentina	Partially resolved
333	Trade restrictive measures due to the Schmallenberg Virus	Unspecified	European Union	Partially resolved
338	Import ban on live animals from the EU	Russian Federation	European Union	Partially resolved
339	Restrictions on tomatoes	United States of America	Senegal	Partially resolved
340	Requirements for importation of sheep meat	Türkiye	Australia	Resolved
347	Import restrictions on apples, pears and citrus	India	Argentina	Partially resolved
351	EU temperature treatment requirements for imports of processed meat products	European Union	Russian Federation	Resolved
352	US proposed rule on good manufacturing practice for human food	United States of America	China	Partially resolved
355	EU import requirements for orchid tissue culture plantlets in flasks	European Union	Chinese Taipei	Resolved
365	Import conditions on poultry	Saudi Arabia	European Union	Resolved
371	India's import requirements for blueberries and avocados	India	Chile	Resolved
377	Brazil's regulation on international certificates for fish and fishery products	Brazil	China	Resolved
388	US proposed rule for user fees for agricultural quarantine and inspection services	United States of America	Mexico	Resolved
389	Chinese import regime, including quarantine and testing procedures for fish	China	Norway	Resolved

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397	India's amendment to its import policy conditions for apples; Restriction to Nhava Sheva port	India	Chile; New Zealand	Resolved*
400	Undue delays in the start of Australia's risk analysis for avocados	Australia	Chile	Resolved
401	Undue delays in Viet Nam's approval process for dairy and meat products	Viet Nam	Chile	Partially resolved
405	China's import restrictions due to Schmallenberg virus	China	European Union	Partially resolved
416	China's import ban on fresh mangosteen	China	Indonesia	Resolved
481	Costa Rica's import restrictions on swine meat products	Costa Rica	Mexico	Partially resolved

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* Status changed from "Partially resolved" to "Resolved".

** This STC has been reported as resolved by Chile, China and New Zealand (2020), and the United States (2013). The European Union has reported it as partially resolved (2020).

Table 3. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2017 exercise

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
48	Import ban on livestock	Türkiye	Hungary; United States of America	Resolved*
61	Import restrictions on bovine semen	India	Canada; European Union	Partially resolved
88	Import restrictions due to FMD	Canada; United States of America	Hungary	Resolved
108	Cut flowers	European Union	Ecuador; Israel	Partially resolved
123	Restrictions on imports of potatoes, onions, fertilised eggs, day-old chicks and meat products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Canada; Colombia	Resolved*
135	Restrictions on beef and pork	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
137	Import restrictions on meat and meat products	United States of America	Switzerland	Resolved
141	Pest risk assessments for imports of plant origin	Brazil	Canada	Resolved
208	Food and feed hygiene rules	European Union	Canada	Resolved
239	Tolerance levels for soil content on potato tubers	Dominican Republic	Canada	Resolved
264	Maximum residue levels for Ethephon in pineapple	European Union	Ecuador	Partially resolved
274	Korea's Livestock Epidemic Prevention Act	Korea, Republic of	Canada	Resolved

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
276	Maximum residue levels for pesticides in cocoa	European Union	Ecuador	Partially resolved
285	Import restrictions on fresh pork meat and beef	United States of America	Brazil	Resolved
287	Import restrictions on fresh pork meat and beef	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
291	BSE Measures	Chinese Taipei	Canada	Resolved
304	Proposed MRL for 1-Methylcyclopropene in bananas	Canada	Ecuador	Partially resolved
317	Mexico's BSE measures	Mexico	Canada	Resolved
325	EU regulations on cadmium in cocoa	European Union	Colombia; Ecuador	Partially resolved
326	Restrictions on table grapes, apples and pears	Thailand	South Africa	Partially resolved
362	Import restrictions on beef due to BSE	South Africa	Brazil	Resolved
363	Import Restrictions on Beef due to BSE	China	Brazil	Resolved
398	Viet Nam's restrictions on fruit due to fruit flies	Viet Nam	Chile	Resolved
404	South Africa's revised veterinary health certificates for the import of cattle, sheep and goats from Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland	South Africa	Namibia	Resolved

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* Status changed from "Partially resolved" to "Resolved" as the other Member that raised the same concern had previously reported resolution of this STC.

Table 4. STCs reported to have been resolved or partially resolved in the 2013 exercise

The table below should be read in conjunction with document [G/SPS/GEN/1269](#), where the European Union reports on the resolution of the STCs that it has raised.

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
17	Cosmetics and BSE	European Union	Australia	Resolved
26	Phytosanitary issues in general	Certain Members	United States of America	Resolved
33	Salmonella-related restriction on fishmeal imports	European Union	Chile ; Peru	Partially resolved
37	Actions taken by local governments	United States of America	Chile	Resolved
85	Import restrictions on prawns and prawn products; revised generic IRA for prawns and prawn products	Australia	China ; Thailand	Partially resolved

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
97	Restrictions on the use of fishmeal	European Union	Chile ; Norway; Peru	Partially resolved
123	Restrictions on imports of potatoes, onions, fertilised eggs, day-old chicks and meat products	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Canada; Colombia	Partially resolved
134	SPS measures on animal products	Romania	Moldova, Republic of	Resolved
138	Pest risk assessment requirements	Argentina	United States of America	Resolved
145	Import restrictions on chicken meat imports	Honduras	Costa Rica	Resolved
146	Ban on hormones in animal production	Indonesia	United States of America	Resolved
162	Fumigation standards	Japan	United States of America	Resolved
171	Animal health conditions and certification requirements for live fish	European Union	Australia	Resolved
173	Notification on uses of living modified organisms	Japan	Australia	Resolved
174	Notification on transboundary movement of living modified organisms	Korea, Republic of	Australia	Resolved
176	Notification on maximum tolerance levels for Ocratoxin A in coffee	Germany; European Union	Colombia ; Papua New Guinea	Partially resolved
179	Guidelines for maximum residue level (MRL) testing	Korea, Republic of	United States of America	Resolved
183	Implementation of ISPM 15	Certain Members	Chile ; Uruguay	Partially resolved
197	Regulation on Ocratoxin A in coffee	European Union	Colombia	Resolved
199	Deviation from international standard for wood packing material	Spain; European Union	United States of America	Resolved
200	Ban on food grade wax	India	United States of America	Resolved
207	Directives on residual pesticide tolerance and inspection methods for tea	European Union	China	Partially resolved
212	Positive list system for pesticides, veterinary drugs and feed additives MRLs	Japan	China ; United States of America	Partially resolved
216	Restrictions on Ya pears imports	United States of America	China	Resolved
221	Safety insurance and quality improvement standards for feed and feed additives	Japan	China	Resolved
225	Restrictions on US poultry	Mexico	United States of America	Resolved

STC no.	Title	Members maintaining the measure	Members raising the concern	Status
230	Phytosanitary requirements on fresh oranges	Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Resolved
241	Import restrictions on wooden Christmas trees	United States of America	China	Resolved
277	NAPPO draft standard for ships and cargoes from areas infested with Asian gypsy moth	Canada; Mexico; United States of America	China	Resolved
284	Rule on importation of wooden handicrafts from China	United States of America	China	Resolved
290	Suspension of inspection and delivery of plant and animal health certificates for imports	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Colombia	Resolved
297	Registration Requirement for Pet Food Export Enterprises	Canada	China	Resolved
308	Restrictions on Bovines and Bubalines for Reproduction	Brazil	Colombia	Resolved
312	Restrictions on Beef Exports due to BSE-Related Concerns	Mexico	Nicaragua	Resolved
330	Indonesia's port closures	Indonesia	China; European Union; New Zealand; United States of America;	Partially resolved

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