



**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**OVERVIEW REGARDING THE LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS OF THE SPS AGREEMENT**

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

*Corrigendum\**

In G/SPS/GEN/804/Rev.11, table 3 should read as follows:

**Table 3. HS Codes assigned to notifications**

Regular notifications			
HS Code	Description	Number	Share of Total
(02)	Meat and edible meat offal	1,466	9%
(06)	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	1,437	9%
(08)	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	1,324	8%
(04)	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	1,261	8%
(01)	Live animals	1,206	8%
Emergency notifications			
HS Code	Description	Number	Share of Total
(01)	Live animals	1,207	57%
(02)	Meat and edible meat offal	1,187	56%
(04)	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	784	37%
(05)	Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	523	25%
(23)	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder	258	12%

Paragraph 3.31 and table 5 should read as follows:

3.31. An analysis of the notifications issued during the period from 16 September 2017 through 15 September 2018 shows that around 18% of notifications have not provided a comment period (see Table 5). For those that do provide comment periods, these average 54 days when calculated as the difference between the date of circulation of the notification and the final date for comments. On average, developed country Members provided longer comment periods than developing country Members (60 and 53 days respectively), although the share of notifications for which a comment period was provided was higher for developing country Members than for developed country Members (83.3% and 69.2% respectively). The overall average comment period for all Members increased slightly (54 this year compared to 52 the year before).

<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.

**Table 5. Comment period provided in regular notifications (16 September 2017 – 15 September 2018)**

<b>All Members</b>		
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Share</b>
No. of regular notifications	1,185	-
Comment period not indicated/not available	209	17.6%
Comment period ends before or equal to distribution date	30	2.5%
Comment period available	946	79.8%
Average length (in days)	54	
<b>Developed country Members</b>		
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Share</b>
No. of regular notifications	289	-
Comment period not indicated/not available	88	30.4%
Comment period ends before or equal to distribution date	1	0.3%
Comment period available	200	69.2%
Average length (in days)	60	
<b>Developing country Members</b>		
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Share</b>
No. of regular notifications	896	-
Comment period not indicated/not available	121	13.5%
Comment period ends before or equal to distribution date	29	3.2%
Comment period available	746	83.3%
Average length (in days)	53	

Paragraph 3.34 should read as follows:

3.34. Since February 2008, in an effort to address these concerns and facilitate access to notified draft regulations, Members may, on a voluntary basis, provide the Secretariat with an electronic version of the text of the notified draft regulation as an attachment to the notification format. The submitted text is then made electronically accessible to other Members through a hyperlink in the notification format.<sup>19</sup> From 16 September 2017 through 15 September 2018, around 74% of all notifications (78% of regular and 34% of emergency notifications) have provided the full text or a summary of the notified draft regulations using this facility. Members may wish to remind their notification authorities of the availability of this facility.

<sup>19</sup> See G/SPS/7/Rev.4, para. 2.8 and Annex C.