



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON CONTROL, INSPECTION
AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES (ANNEX C)**

**MONDAY, 9 JULY – TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018
WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA**

PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretariat¹

Revision

1. The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization is organizing a workshop on control, inspection and approval procedures to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on Monday, 9 July and Tuesday, 10 July 2018. The workshop will be followed by informal and formal meetings of the SPS Committee during the same week. Representatives of Members, Observers and Observer Organizations are all invited to participate in the workshop, as well as the subsequent meetings of the Committee from 11 to 13 July 2018.
2. Documents G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.8 and G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.8/Add.1 provide information on the workshop. The WTO, with the financial assistance of the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund (DDAGTF), is sponsoring the participation of approximately 40 government officials from developing country Members and Observers in the workshop. The Secretariat has selected participants to be sponsored among applications from government officials in charge of the implementation of the SPS Agreement.
3. The workshop will provide a forum for discussion and experience sharing on developments, challenges and practices in implementing Article 8 and Annex C of the SPS Agreement on control, inspection and approval procedures.² Through presentations, practical case stories and discussions, the workshop will aim to expand Members' understanding of the relevant provisions, jurisprudence, guidance from the international standard-setting bodies, as well as regional and national experiences.
4. This revised version of the programme takes into account Members' comments received by 21 May 2018.

¹ 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.

² The workshop will present an opportunity to build on the discussions held on control, inspection and approval procedures in the context of the Third Review of the SPS Agreement as included in the adopted report G/SPS/53 of 3 May 2010.

MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018 (10:00–18:00)**10:00–10:15****Opening remarks by Mr Marcial Espínola Ramirez, Chairman of the SPS Committee**

Overview of the workshop and its objectives

10:15–12:00**Session 1: Overview of the International Framework**Part I: Overview of Annex C provisions, related jurisprudence and relationship with the Trade Facilitation Agreement**Speakers:** *Mr Rolando Alcalá* and *Mr Roy Santana*, WTO SecretariatPart II: Overview of relevant work in the Three Sisters**Speakers:**

- *Mr Patrick Sekitoleko*, Codex
- *Ms Ann Backhouse*, OIE
- *Ms Ketevan Lomsadze*, IPPC

12:00–13:00**Session 2: The Rationale behind Annex C**

This session will give an overview of STCs and notifications on control, inspection and approval procedures. It will also discuss the economic rationale for strengthening the implementation of Annex C in order to reduce trade transaction costs.

Speakers:

- *Ms Hanna Vitikkala*, WTO Secretariat
- *Mr Erich Kieck*, WBG

13:00–15:00**Lunch Break****15:00–17:45****Session 3: Implementation of Annex C**Part I: Opportunities to improve the implementation of Annex C**Speakers:**

- *Ms Martha Byanyima*, COMESA: *Assessing costs of SPS measures along key trade routes in COMESA*
- *Ms Marlynne Hopper*, STDF Secretariat: *Experiences and lessons from STDF's work on facilitating safe trade*

Discussants:

- *Ms Alejandra Estrada*, Veterinarian, Agricultural and Livestock Service, Chile
- *Ms Andrea Bravo*, Veterinarian, SENASA, Argentina

Part II: Sharing of Members' experiences**Speakers:**

- **Mr John Mc Evoy**, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission, European Union: *The EU approach to systems-based audits*
- **Ms Mara Burr**, Public Health and Trade Manager, US Food and Drug Administration, United States: *Risk-based import procedures*
- **Mr Linye Cong**, Deputy Director, General Administration of Customs, China: *China's reforms in the inspection and supervision systems for food imports*

17:45-18:00**Closing remarks and wrap-up of day 1****TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018 (10:00-18:00)****10:00-10:15****Opening remarks****10:15-11:45****Session 3: Implementation of Annex C (cont'd)**Part II: Sharing of Members' experiences**Speakers:**

- **Mr Fred Gorrell**, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch, Canadian Food Inspection Agency: *Canada's risk-based approach to inspections*
- **Ms Tugba Adiguzel Kargin**, EU Expert, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey: *Imports of animals and animal products*
- **Mr Kenneth Msiska**, Principal Agriculture Research Officer, Zambia Agriculture Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia: *Implementing Article 8 and Annex C - A Zambian perspective*
- **Ms Delilah Cabb Ayala**, Coordinator, SPS Enquiry Point, Belize Agricultural Health Authority: *Belize experience - 3rd party certification*

11:45-13:00**Session 4: Annex C in the digital world**Part I: The international framework for SPS e-certification**Speakers:**

- **Ms Ketevan Lomsadze**, IPPC: *E-phyto and e-commerce*
- **Ms Rosine Uwamariya**, UNCTAD: *Simplified procedures for obtaining SPS permits, Rwanda's case*

Discussants:

- **Mr Patrick Sekitoleko**, Codex (CCFICS)
- **Ms Ann Backhouse**, OIE

13:00–15:00	Lunch Break
15:00–16:00	<p>Session 4: Annex C in the digital world (cont'd)</p> <p>Part II: <u>Sharing of Members' experiences in SPS e-certification</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Jay Mitchell, Director for Trade, Europe, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), US Department of Agriculture, United States: <i>US experience with implementing ePhytos: Vision for an improved system of the future</i> ▪ Ms Claudia Custodio Dantas, Official Veterinary, Accreditation and Certification Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, Brazil: <i>Electronic sanitary certification in Brazil</i> ▪ Mr Philippe Loopuyt, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission, European Union: <i>e-Certification – the European Union approach and experience</i>
16:00–17:30	<p>Session 5: Opportunities to mobilize resources for SPS capacity building to support the implementation of Annex C</p> <p>Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Erich Kieck, Trade Facilitation Support Program, WBG ▪ Ms Pamela Ugaz, Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD ▪ Mr Pierre Bonthonneau, Trade Facilitation and Quality for Trade Programme, ITC ▪ Ms Milena Budimirovic, Procedures and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO ▪ Ms Sheri Rosenow, Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility, WTO
17:30–18:00	Session 6: Conclusions