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REVISED SECRETARIAT PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SPS COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS

Note by the Secretariat¹

- 1. In order to contribute to the on-going efforts to reduce the volume of paper printed and distributed in the WTO, the printed copies of the following documents will be discontinued with immediate effect:
 - SPS notifications, regular and emergency, including addenda, corrigenda and revisions (G/SPS/N/ series);
 - Annual report on Documents and Notifications circulated (e.g., most recently G/SPS/GEN/1136);
 - Summary reports of regular meetings of the SPS (G/SPS/R/ series).

These documents will continue to be posted on the WTO Members' site, and the unrestricted documents will also be posted on the SPS gateway page of the WTO public website. The documents can be accessed as follows:

WTO Members' website

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<u>http://www.wto.org/sps</u> ⇒ **SPS** meetings and documents

- 2. As of 2011, the Secretariat has discontinued the production of documents containing the list of Members' National Notification Authorities (G/SPS/NNA/ series) and Enquiry Points (G/SPS/ENQ/ series). Effective immediately, the Secretariat will discontinue also the production of the following series of documents:
 - The monthly list of SPS notifications (e.g., most recently G/SPS/GEN/1140);
 - Periodic document on the Implementation of the Transparency Obligations (G/SPS/27/ series);
 - Periodic document on Membership in the WTO and International Standard-Setting Bodies (G/SPS/49/ series).

This information is continuously available to Members via the SPS Information Management System as "Predefined reports":

http://spsims.wto.org/

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3. Members who have any queries about this new procedure are invited to contact Mr. Javier Ocampo (e-mail: javier.ocampo@wto.org).