

SPS CONFORMITY TABLE-FOOD
Based on the Draft Law On Food Control
(as finalized at the ministerial level-October 11, 1999)

Commitments (by the time of accession)	WTO Reference	Draft Law on Food Control Reference
1. Standstill: the introduction of new standards, animal health regulations and food safety regulations shall conform to the SPS Agreement	1. Generally agreed principal in WTO accession negotiations	Articles 11, 12 and 14 have provisions related directly to SPS principles and are detailed below.
2. Establishment and operation of a single Contact Point for Information ("inquiry point")	2. Article 7 and Annex B.3.	2. Implied in article 14. An additional Cabinet of Ministers' Decree on this matter will be issued upon enactment of the Law, before the end of the Year 1999.
3. Transparency: notification and access to documentation: (A) Identification of authority responsible for making notifications to the WTO and ensuring transparency obligations are met on an ongoing basis; (B) establish guidance or law requiring publication of proposed measures at an early stage for comment; (C) provision in law or administrative procedure to provide copies of proposed measures to WTO Members; and (D) require in law or administrative procedure to, a reasonable period of time for comment from Members and the public, and	3. Articles 7 and Annex B, Also G/SPS/7 (A) Annex B.5 (b) and Annex B.10. (B) Annex B.5 (a). (C) Annex B.5 (c). (D) Annex B.5 (d).	3. Article 11 and 14. An additional Cabinet of Ministers' Decree on this matter will be issued upon enactment of the Law, before the end of the Year 1999. (A) Article 11.j An additional Cabinet of Ministers' Decree on this matter will be issued upon enactment of the Law, before the end of the Year 1999. (B) Article 11.g and 11.h (C) Article 14.a., paragraphs 1-6

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establishment of a process to take comments into account without discrimination;		(D) Article 11.f, 11.g and 11.h
4. Necessity: measures are applied only to the extent necessary to protect human, animal or plant health.	4. Article 2.2.	4. Articles 11.a, 11.d and 11.f
5. Regulations Based on Science: regulations governing animal and plant health and food safety shall be based on scientific evidence.	5. Articles 2.2, 3.3 and 5.2.	5. Articles 11.a, 11.b.1, 11.b.2 and 11.b.3.
6. Harmonization: to the extent possible, members shall follow international standards, guidelines and recommendations in establishing SPS measures.	6. Articles 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4	6. Articles 11.a, 11.b.1, 11.b.2 and 11.b.3.
7. Equivalence: members shall recognize different measures that achieve the same level of protection.	7. Article 4.	7. Article 11.c.
8. Risk Assessment: developing scientific evidence and conducting risk assessments to ensure that measures are based on science and applied only to the extent necessary to protect health.	8. Article 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.	8. Article 11.b.2.
9. Regional Conditions: measures take into account the regional characteristics both of the areas from which products originate and the areas for which they are destined.	9. Article 6 and Annexes A.6 and A.7	9. ____
10. Non-discrimination : measures do not arbitrarily discriminate between different	10. Article 2.3, and Annex C.1(a) and (d).	10. Article 11.d; and Article 12.a.2, 12.a.3 and 12.a.5.

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members or between domestic and foreign suppliers.		
11. Control, inspection and approval procedures: ensure that procedures, including systems for approval of the use of additives or for establishing tolerances for contaminants in foods, beverages or feedstuffs comply with the Agreement.	11. Article 8 and Annex C.	11. Article 12.a (paragraph 1-6) and Article 12.b.