

DECISION NO. (85) DATED 01/04/1421H

The Council of Ministers,

After reviewing the transaction received from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers under No. 15328/R dated 17/10/1420H, including Cablegram No. 96/34/528/75425/1 dated 11/10/1420H from HRH the Minister of Foreign Affairs, whereby reference is made to the Royal Order No. 5/B/3485 dated 01/03/1420 approving the structure of the new offers for goods, services and flexibilities in their initial and bottomline limits as prescribed in the attached text, and HRH's statement that the said structure contained commitment to the WTO's SPS, and that the Experts Panel shall participate with the concerned technical group in examining the subjects;.

And after reviewing the SPS Agreement;

And after reviewing the Minutes drafted at the experts' panel under No. (360) dated 01/12/1420H;

And after reviewing the Recommendation No. (60) dated 12/02/1421H made by the General Committee of the Council of Ministers;

Decides the following:

1. The Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture & Water, the Ministry of Health, SASO and any and every other Government agency concerned shall review any SPS - related orders, decisions and instructions and recommended relevant amendments and revisions in line with the SPS Agreement, and as per established formalities. They shall also monitor and follow up any releases or developments in this respect.
2. The Ministry of Commerce shall notify the WTO and members thereof of matters related to the SPS and respond to inquiries received in this respect.
3. A technical Standing Committee shall be constituted from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, the Ministry of Health, SASO, and Customs Department. Its jurisdiction shall be to monitor the implementation of (SPS), and shall be based at the Ministry of Commerce.
4. The Ministry of Finance and National Economy shall take into consideration the financial requirements of the Government Bodies concerned with the SPS prior to its being put into force by the Kingdom, when the budgets of the Ministries Concerned are discussed.