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Explore our areas of activity



Trade negotiations



- > Watch the video (53s)
- > Ninety sessions to be held at 2015 Public Forum
- > Public Forum 2015
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Events and meetings

- > Tenth Ministerial Conference: 15-18 December 2015
- > Trilateral symposium : 28 October 2015
- > WTO Public Forum: 30 September – 2 October 2015
- > Symposium – Revised GPA: an emerging pillar of 21st century trade and development : 17-18 September 2015

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Sanitary and phytosanitary measures



Problem: How do you ensure that your country's consumers are being supplied with food that is safe to eat – "safe" by the standards you consider appropriate? And at the same time, how can you ensure that strict health and safety regulations are not being used as an excuse for protecting domestic producers?

An agreement on how governments can apply food safety and animal and plant health measures (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS measures) sets out the basic rules in the WTO.

> [SPS Notification Submission System](#)

National Notification Authorities can now use the SPS Notification Submission System (SPS NSS) to fill out and submit SPS notifications online.

> [SPS Information Management System](#)

a database of WTO information on SPS (Notifications, concerns raised, other documents, enquiry points, etc)

SEE ALSO

- > [Standards and Trade Development Facility \(STDF\)](#)
- > [Agriculture](#)
- > [Technical barriers to trade](#)

Whose international standards?

Which are the relevant standard-setting organizations for the SPS Agreement? An annex to the agreement names:

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Includes unofficial and less technical summaries of SPS Committee meetings

- 27 July 2015: [Ireland donates EUR 350,000 to technical assistance programmes for developing countries](#)
- 23 July 2015: [Increasing stockpile of trade-restrictive measures "a cause for concern"](#)
- 15 July 2015: [WTO members raise record number of trade concerns on food safety, animal and plant health](#)

WHAT'S NEW



> [Sanitary and phytosanitary measures: Ensuring safe trading](#)

- Compilation of [all major decisions and documents](#) on the SPS Agreement's implementation
- Find decisions of WTO bodies concerning the SPS Agreement in the [Analytical Index](#) – Guide to WTO Law and Practice
- Review of the operation and implementation of the Agreement of the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures. [Committee Report of the Third Review adopted in 2010](#).




The Doha mandate: SPS in the [2001 ministerial decision on implementation](#)

Work on SPS in the WTO, and official documents [back to top](#)

Work on this subject is handled by the SPS Committee, which reports to the Goods Council. The work is officially recorded in the committee's annual reports to the General Council and in summary reports (equivalent to minutes) of the committee's meetings. The current chair is Mr. Felipe HEES (Brazil).

> [Search here for SPS documents](#)

 [Subscribe here](#) to receive all unrestricted SPS documents by e-mail, usually twice a week, normally only in the original language (English, French or Spanish).

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Notification formats, handbooks, links to members' SPS websites and other aids for members' transparency work in SPS.

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Find information on planned and recently held activities.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings 2015

- > [25 March](#) – Informal
- > [26 – 27 March](#)
- > [14 July](#) – Informal
- > [15 July](#) – Informal
- > [15 – 16 July](#)
- > [14 – 16 October](#)

Meetings 2014 [+]

SPS NOTIFICATION SUBMISSION SYSTEM

The SPS NSS allows for more accurate and complete notifications, and a substantial reduction in the time required for the WTO to process and circulate them. The system has been available to Members since 1 June 2011 upon request.

Interested Members are requested to send an e-mail to the Secretariat (spscommittee@wto.org) so that their National Notification Authorities can receive login names and access passwords.

As of 17 September 2015, 66 Members have requested and been given access to the system, and 37 of these have officially submitted notifications via the SPS NSS.

DISPUTES



SANITARY & PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES: ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Electronic transmission of unrestricted SPS documents

New Document Alerts on all unrestricted documents related to the SPS Agreement are being sent via e-mail to two different mailing lists. These document alerts are sent when new documents or their translations into English, French or Spanish become available. To receive alerts on all unrestricted SPS documents, INCLUDING NOTIFICATIONS, subscribe to the SPSNOTIFS list. To receive alerts on all SPS documents, EXCLUDING notifications, subscribe to the SPSDOCS list. Documents can be accessed through links in the alert email. You can subscribe to the mailing lists by following the instructions below.

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To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail message to

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with the following in the body of the message (leave the subject line blank):

SUBSCRIBE SPSNOTIFS your full name

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SUBSCRIBE SPSDOCS your full name

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Session 2:

Other sources of SPS- related information: The SPS Information Management System (SPS IMS)



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Why SPS IMS?



- Since 1995, SPS Committee has seen:
 - > 19,000 SPS notifications
 - > 2,500 other SPS documents
 - > 390 specific trade concerns
 - Enquiry Point/Notification Authority info changing frequently

What is in the SPS IMS?



- Content of SPS notifications
- Basic info on all SPS-related documents
- Details of all STCs
- Contact information on EPs/NNAs

In what languages is it available?



- Interface: English, French, Spanish
- Data: English, French, Spanish (as it becomes available)

How does it help Members?



- To undertake searches / prepare reports according to specific needs:
 - Product- or region-specific searches on **notifications**
 - Theme-specific searches on **Committee documents**, e.g. on regionalization
 - Queries on **specific trade concerns** related to specific Members or products

Possible to export all results to Excel

SPS Information Management System

<http://spsims.wto.org>



SPS-IMS

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Welcome

The SPS Information Management System (the SPS Agreement)

The SPS IMS allows users to track information from the WTO Secretariat, SPS-related documents circulated by the WTO SPS Secretariat and the OIE.

The system's structure for searching notifications and formats agreed upon by the SPS Committee.

Please click on the desired function from the list below. The difference between a search and a report is that a search will enter one or more criteria to refine your searches, for example under the "description" field, you can find only those records which contain both "avian" and "influenza". For further information on how to use the system, click on the "Help" link.

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of 1 December 2009 the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community. Pre-December 2009 reports are available by clicking on the "European Union" option in the dropdown lists.



Why a new SPS IMS?



- In operation since 2007 – Outdated technology
- Alignment/harmonization with in-house systems
- Improve user-friendliness and enhance functionalities
 - Streamlined menus
 - Enhanced and more intuitive search functionalities
 - New statistical and graphing functions
 - Correction of bugs

IT Project: Enhancements to SPS IMS & SPS NSS




- Two-phase project launched in 2015
 - Phase I: Enhancement of **SPS NSS** – Testing platform available
 - Phase II: Enhancement of **SPS IMS** – Testing platform will be available during 1st semester of 2016

New SPS IMS: How will it look like?

<http://test-ims.wto.org/sps/en/>



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The system's structure for searching notifications follows very closely the actual notification types and their formats. For further information on notification procedures and formats agreed upon by the SPS Committee, please [click here](#).

Please click on the desired function from the menu bar on the left. You may wish to undertake a "search", prepare a "custom report", or view one of the "predefined reports". The difference between a search and a custom report is that with a custom report you can decide which fields you wish to see in your search results. You can enter one or more criteria to refine your search. Alternatively, you can browse all records by not specifying any criteria before clicking on the Search button. For free text searches, for example under the "description of content" field of notifications, use quotation marks to find exact matches. For example, entering "avian influenza" will find only those records which contain both terms. You can export all search and custom report results to Excel. Predefined reports provide reference lists regularly circulated by the WTO SPS Secretariat and are available in Word format.



New SPS IMS: How will it look like?



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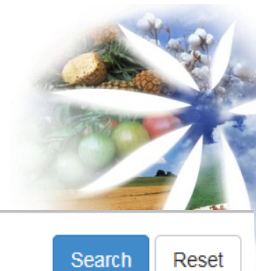
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New SPS IMS: How will it look like?

Search STCs



Search specific trade concerns

Search

Reset

Search

Number of specific trade concern :

First date raised :

 to

Dates subsequently raised :

 to

Members maintaining the measure

Country :

None selected



Development status :

None selected



Geographic/economic groups :

None selected



Members raising the concern

Country :

None selected



Development status :

None selected



Geographic/economic groups :

None selected



Members supporting the concern

Country :

None selected



Development status :

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New SPS IMS: How will it look like?

New graphing reports



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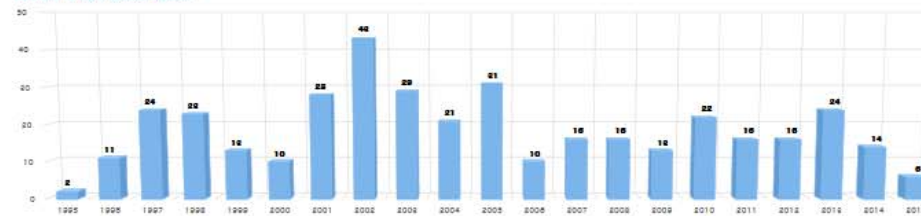
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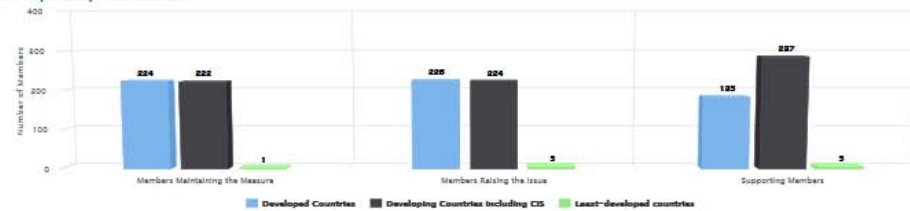
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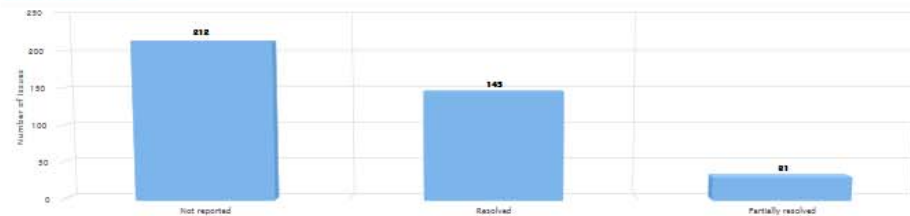
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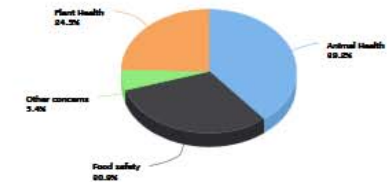
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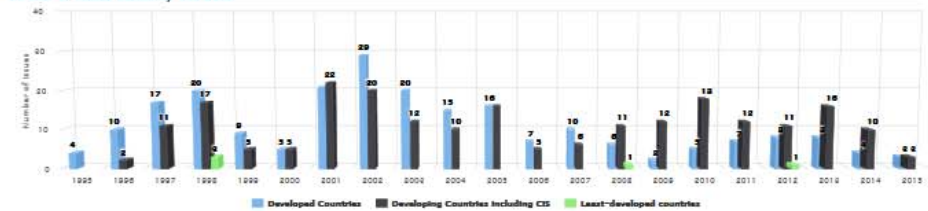
Solved Trade Concerns



Trade Concerns by Subject



Number of Issues Raised By Members

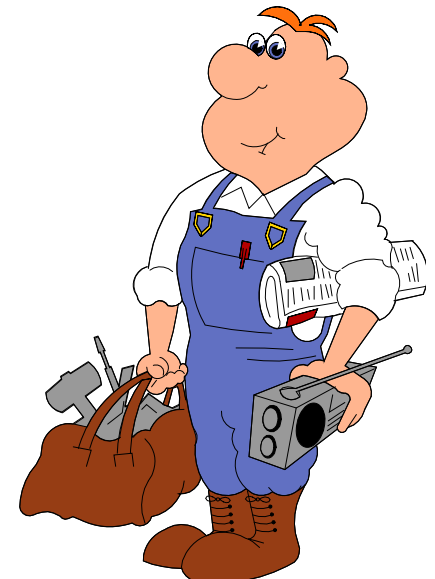


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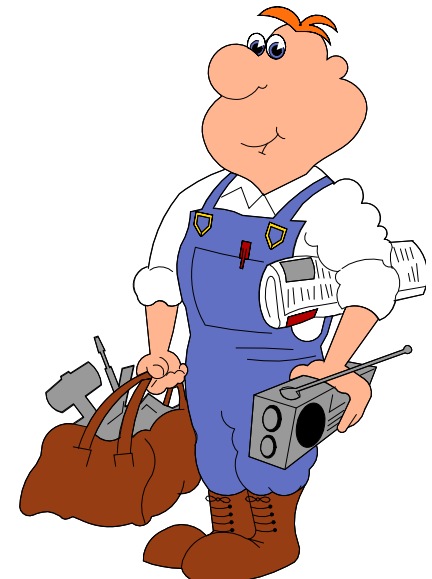


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Group Sessions



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Training Session 12:00-13:30



Group	Room	Resource Persons
English	CR	Anneke, Tim, Anna, Yeji
Français	B	Marième, Rolando
Español	S1	Christiane, Marion