

Increasing the Transparency of SPS Measures

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SPS measures are necessary for the protection of human, animal and plant health and important for international trade. Yet, business and exporting countries also express concern about not having sufficient advance notice of new measures, insufficient harmonisation, and a perceived lack of transparency in the development and application of some measures. Please join us for a discussion of how such concerns could be addressed.

■ Introduction and Objectives:

- Scott Andersen, Sidley Austin, LLP

■ Presentations:

- Marlynn Hopper, Standards and Trade Development Facility
Improving National Implementation of the SPS Notification System
- Valentin Zahrnt, European Centre for International Political Economy
Injecting Greater Specificity on SPS Measures into the WTO's Trade Policy Review Mechanism
- Tim Josling, Stanford University, IPC Member
Understanding the Impact of SPS Measures on Market Access

■ Discussants:

- Alex Thiermann, Animal Health Organisation (OIE)
Perspective from an International Standard-Setting Body
- Pedro de Camargo Neto, former Brazilian Secretary of Agricultural Production and Trade, IPC Member
Perspective from the Private Sector
- Gretchen Stanton, WTO
WTO Perspective

■ Open Discussion

■ Wrap-up and Recommendations:

- Charlotte Hebebrand, IPC

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