

WTO Seminar on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)

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The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
Taipei, 5-7 December 2023

Venue: Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER)

This event is organized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIA), Ministry of Agriculture; and the World Trade Organization (WTO), with the support of the International Trade Administration (TITA), Ministry of Economic Affairs; Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); and Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER).

Day 1: Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Delivered by
8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants	
9:00 – 9:30	1.1 Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks Group Photo 	<i>WTO resource person</i> <i>Representative from Chinese Taipei</i>
9:30 – 10:15	1.2 Overview and Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions Structure and objective of the workshop Self-assessment quiz 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
10:15 – 10:45	1.3 Introduction to the WTO and Non-Tariff Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to WTO and background on NTMs 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	1.4 The SPS Agreement – Basic Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive exercise on the SPS Agreement 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	1.5 The SPS Committee: Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role and functions 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:00	1.6 The SPS Committee: Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current issues and work of the MC12 SPS Declaration 	<i>WTO resource person</i>

Day 2: Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Delivered by
9:00 – 10:00	2.1 Coordination and engagement in the work of the SPS Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation 	<i>Chinese Taipei</i>
10:00 – 10:45	2.2 Group activity – participation in the SPS Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group activity on participation in the SPS Committee 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	2.3 Transparency in the SPS Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPS transparency provisions 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	2.4 Implementation of the SPS Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel discussion and presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation from [insert agency] ○ Presentation from [insert agency] ○ Panel discussion 	<i>Chinese Taipei</i> 2 presenters from SPS-related agencies
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:00	2.5 Accessing SPS information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstration of search and outreach functionalities of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform ▪ Interactive exercises and training on the ePing SPS&TBT Platform 	<i>WTO resource person</i>

Day 3: Thursday, 7 December 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Delivered by
9:00 – 10:00	3.1 Debrief of Days 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive activity with participants 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
10:00 – 10:45	3.2 WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of WTO dispute settlement procedures and disputes related to the SPS Agreement Interactive exercise 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	3.2 WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of WTO dispute settlement procedures and disputes related to the SPS Agreement Interactive exercise 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30	3.3 Looking ahead, what next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive session: Key takeaways and final Q&A Self-assessment quiz responses 	<i>WTO resource person</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:00	3.4 Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation Closing Remarks 	<i>WTO resource person</i> <i>Representative, Chinese Taipei</i>