



AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 12 OCTOBER 2021

The expert meeting will take place virtually on **12 October 2021** from **10 AM**.

It will prepare the upcoming meeting of the **WTO** Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (**SPS Committee**) that will be a hybrid meeting on **3-5 November 2021**. The SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by a Thematic Session on the Procedure to Monitor the Process of International Harmonization on Tuesday, 2 November; and an informal meeting on Wednesday, 3 November.

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE NOVEMBER 2021 SPS COMMITTEE (AS LISTED IN THE WTO PROPOSED AGENDA)

- Information on relevant activities
- Specific trade concerns
- Operation and implementation of the SPS Agreement
 - Equivalence
 - Pest- and disease-free areas (Regionalization)
 - Operation of transparency provisions
 - Control, inspection and approval procedures
 - Special and differential treatment
 - Monitoring of the use of international standards
 - Follow-up to the Fifth Review of the SPS Agreement
- Cross-cutting issues
- Technical assistance and cooperation
- Concerns with private and commercial standards
- Observers

II. SPS- MARKET ACCESS ISSUES

- Main developments
- Information on resolution or progress made on market access issues
- Exchange of information on other market access issues

III. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS