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HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
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Agenda for the preparatory meeting of 21th September for the WTO SPS Committee of 18-19 October 2012

Attached please find the agenda for the meeting to prepare the **October 2012 session** of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee).

The SPS Committee will hold its fifty-fifth regular meeting at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva from **Thursday 18th to Friday 19th October 2012**. Informal meetings are scheduled for the preceding days on Tuesday 16th October 2012 afternoon and Wednesday 17th October 2012 and will focus on: *role of observer organisations, procedures of ad hoc consultations for the resolution of trade disputes, and private standards.* Prior to informal and formal meetings, a special workshop on Transparency will take place on 15 October and in the morning of 16 October 2012.

I. AGENDA OF THE SPS COMMITTEE

Information from Members – Agenda Item 2

Specific Trade Concerns (STC) – Agenda Item 3

Pest and disease free Areas – Agenda Item 7

Ad hoc Consultations – Agenda Item 9.a)

Third Review – Agenda Item 9.b)

Private Standards – Agenda Item 11

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. MISCELLANEOUS

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