



EU-UK Trade & Cooperation Agreement

Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures

Trade and Cooperation agreement (TCA)

- Framework set by Political Declaration concluded in October 2019;
- For EU, basis the negotiating mandate adopted by the Council;
- Future relationship negotiations started in February 2020
- Completed on 24 December 2020
 - TCA that includes a chapter on SPS measures

TCA – SPS Chapter: Principles

- Reaffirm and where appropriate go beyond WTO SPS Agreement (SPS + elements) to ensure SPS requirements do not entail disproportionate obstacles to trade;
 - Ensure transparency on SPS requirements;
 - Establish cooperation in areas of common interest;
 - Possibility to adopt emergency and provisional measures.
 - Committee to implement aspects of the Chapter, discuss concerns and review Parties' SPS measures;
- Parties establish unilaterally their import requirements and procedures

TCA – SPS Chapter: Main trade related elements

- EU-single entity:
 - Same certificates for all EU Member States;
 - Authorisation procedures (in case required for in the future for further products):
 - Possibility for EU-wide authorisation;
 - Expedited procedure for a Member State if another Member State already authorised.
- Regionalisation: Measures in place at the end of transition period continue to be recognised unless significant change in situation. Expedited process for recognition of new regionalisation measures;
- Listing of establishments: Pre-listing by the competent authority of the exporting party;
- No pre-clearance inspections of consignments by the importing Party in the territory of the exporting Party.

TCA – SPS Chapter: Areas of cooperation

- Multilateral international fora
- Animal Welfare
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Sustainable food systems

TCA : Trade Specialised Committee on SPS

- Established under the governance provisions of the TCA
- To monitor and facilitate the implementation of the SPS Chapter;
- Co-chaired by a representative of the EU and a representative of the UK;
- Meeting in principle at least once a year;
- Meeting schedule and work program with mutual consent.

TCA : Trade Specialised Committee on SPS

- Competences, include:
 - Addressing issues regarding regionalisation, definitions, exceptions to the EU-wide certificates, foreseen in the Chapter
 - Discuss concerns raised by a Party regarding SPS requirements;
 - Exchange views and information in cooperation areas defined in the chapter
 - Review Parties' SPS measures and make recommendations to facilitate trade. Decision for appropriate action decided independently by each Party.

Thank you



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