

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL Directorate D TRADE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL Directorate D

#### AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 24 MAY 2022

The expert meeting will take place virtually on 24 May 2022 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 **22-24 June 2022.** The SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by a Workshop on Transparency on Monday, 20 June; a Thematic Session on the Use of Remote (Virtual) Audit and Verification in Regulatory Frameworks on Tuesday, 21 June; and an informal meeting on Wednesday, 22 June (morning).

# I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE JUNE 2022 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