



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate A
TRADE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
Directorate D

AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 2024

The expert meeting will take place virtually on **22 February 2024** from **10 AM**.

It will serve to prepare the upcoming meeting of the **WTO** Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (**SPS Committee**) that will be a virtual and physical meeting on **20 - 22 March 2024**. The regular SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by an informal meeting on Wednesday, **20 March** (morning) covering the 6th review and other issues identified by the members and by a Workshop on Transparency (**18 -19 March**).

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE MARCH 2024 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
 - Sixth 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