



**AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 25 FEBRUARY 2022**

The expert meeting will take place virtually on **25 February 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 **23-25 March 2022**. The SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by a Thematic Session on trade facilitative approaches to pesticide MRLs, including substances not approved for use in an import market on Tuesday, 22 March; and an informal meeting on Wednesday, 23 March.

**I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE MARCH 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**