

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 31 MAY 2024

The expert meeting will take place virtually on 31 May 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 **26** - **28 June 2024**. The regular SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by an informal meeting on Wednesday, **26 June** (morning) covering the 6th review and other issues identified by the Members and by a **thematic session on digital tools** (**25 June**).

I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE JUNE 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