



## AGENDA OF THE SPS EXPERTS MEETING OF 14 OCTOBER 2022

The expert meeting will take place in a hybrid format on **14 October 2022** 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 **9 - 11 November 2022**. The regular SPS Committee meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Working Group on Approval Procedures on Monday, 7 November (participation by Working Group members only); a Thematic Session on International Standards and Best Practices in Pest Risk Identification, Assessment and Management on Tuesday, 8 November; and an informal meeting on Wednesday, 9 November (morning).

### **I. ISSUES RELATED TO THE NOVEMBER 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**