



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
Directorate G  
TRADE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
Directorate D

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**Agenda for the preparatory meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
for the WTO SPS Committee meeting in March 2013**

It will prepare the fifty-sixth regular meeting of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS Committee) that will take place at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva, from **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**. Informal meetings in Geneva are provisionally scheduled for the preceding day on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March and if needed on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and may focus on: *procedures of ad hoc consultations for the resolution of trade disputes, private standards and the role of observer organisations.*

**AGENDA OF THE SPS COMMITTEE**

1. Information from Members – Agenda Item 2
2. Specific Trade Concerns (STC) – Agenda Item 3
3. Pest and disease free Areas – Agenda Item 7
4. Ad hoc Consultations – Agenda Item 9.a)
5. Third Review – Agenda Item 9.b)
6. Private Standards – Agenda Item 11

**SPS- MARKET ACCESS ISSUES**

1. Main developments
2. Information on resolution or progress made on market access issues
3. Exchange of information on other Market Access issues

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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