

VIRTUAL WTO WORKSHOP FOR BELARUS ON THE WTO SPS AND TF AGREEMENTS

30 November – 4 December 2020

DRAFT PROGRAMME

*(draft 12 Nov)*

# MODULE 1 - OVERVIEW SPS AGREEMENT AND COMMITTEE

Date/time: 30 Nov (Mon): 11:00 – 13:00 (Minsk time) // 9:00 – 11:00 (Geneva time)

* Welcome/opening by *Belarus* (aprox. 15 min)
  + *TBC* – rep. TBC
* Intro SPS principles/obligations (45 min)
  + Presentation *Mr Rolando Alcala,* *Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO Secretariat* (30 min)
  + Q&As with *Participants* (15 min)
* Intro work of the SPS Committee (45 min)
  + Presentation *Mr Rolando Alcala* (30 min)
  + Q&As with participants (15 min)
* Wrap-up/final Q&As (10 min)

# MODULE 2 – SPS Agreement and Annex C

Date/time: 2 Dec (Wed): 11:00 – 13:00 (Minsk time) // 9:00 – 11:00 (Geneva time)

* Welcome/opening by *Belarus* (10 min)
  + *TBC* – rep. TBC
* SPS Agreement and Annex C/provisions (1h 45 min)
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  + The SPS Agreement: Linkages with TFA
  + eCertification
    - Presentations (1h 30 min):
      * *Mr Rolando Alcalá,* *Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO Secretariat*
      * *Mr Simón Padilla, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)*
    - Q&As with *Participants* (15 min)
* Wrap-up/final Q&As (15 min)

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# MODULE 3 – TFA and Transit

Date/time: 4 Dec (Thu): 11:00 – 13:00 (Minsk time) // 9:00 – 11:00 (Geneva time)

* Welcome/opening by *Belarus* (aprox. 10 min)
  + *TBC* – rep. TBC
* Intro TFA principles/obligations (60 min)
  + Presentation *Mr Mark Henderson*, *Market Access Division,* *WTO Secretariat* (45 min)
  + Q&As with *Participants* (15 min)
* Intro Article 11. Transit (30 min)
  + Presentation *Mr Mark Henderson* (15 min)
  + Q&As with participants (15 min)
* Wrap-up/final Q&As (10 min)

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