

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE AGREEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (SPS AGREEMENT) FOR**

 **CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS (CEECAC) COUNTRIES** **VIENNA – AUSTRIA**

*Face-to-face Regional Workshop*

**1-3 July 2025**

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| Tuesday, 1 July |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Administrative briefing** (*JVI Senior Program Officer)* |  |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | **Welcome** *(JVI Director, Hervé Joly)* |
| 09:10 – 10.15 | **Introduction** * Introduction of participants and icebreaker
* Overview of the workshop: objectives and methodology

**SPS in the WTO context** * Presentation
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| 10:15 – 10:30 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | **Key Principles of the SPS Agreement** * Group activity and discussion
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| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | **WTO accession and SPS** *[TBC]** Virtual presentation by Prof. Umid Yakubkhodjaev, [WTO Chairs Programme](https://wtochairs.org/users/yaumidyahoocom) (University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan)
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| 14:30 – 15:30 | **The SPS Committee** * Role and functions
* What happened at the June 2025 Committee meeting?
* What comes next in 2025?
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| 15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **The SPS Committee (continued)*** Interactive group activity
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| 17:00 – 17:15 | **Main takeaways** |  |
| Wednesday, 2 July |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | **Recap of day 1*** Group discussion
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| 09:15 – 10:15 | **The WTO SPS Transparency Framework*** Presentation
* Quiz
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| 10:15 – 10:30 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | **Roundtable with the international standard setting bodies (virtual) *[TBC]**** International Plant Protection Convention
* World Organization for Animal Health
* Codex Alimentarius Commission
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| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | [**ePing SPS&TBT Platform**](https://www.epingalert.org/en)* Main functions and interactive exercise
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| 15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee – Tea* |  |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **Reacting to an incoming notification*** Group activity to identify challenges and best practices
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| 17:00 – 17:15 | **Main takeaways**  |  |
| Thursday, 3 July |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | **Recap of Day 1 and Day 2*** Group activity
* Open Q&A and debate
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| 10:15 – 10:30 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | **The** [**Standards and Trade Development Facility**](https://standardsfacility.org/) **(STDF): opportunities for funding and thematic work*** Virtual presentation *[TBC]*

**Experience of an implementing partner** * Presentation by Ms Laura Natalia Fernández Cedi, Project coordinator, [United Nations Industrial Development Organization](https://www.unido.org/) (UNIDO)
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| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Closing*** Self-assessment
* Workshop evaluation
* Closing remarks (*JVI and WTO*)
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