

**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 |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | **Key Principles of the SPS Agreement**   * Group activity and discussion |
| 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) |  |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **The SPS Committee**   * Role and functions * What happened at the June 2025 Committee meeting? * What comes next in 2025? |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **The SPS Committee (continued)**   * Interactive group activity |
| 17:00 – 17:15 | **Main takeaways** |  |
| Wednesday, 2 July | | |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | **Recap of day 1**   * Group discussion |  |
| 09:15 – 10:15 | **The WTO SPS Transparency Framework**   * Presentation * Quiz |
| 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 |  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | [**ePing SPS&TBT Platform**](https://www.epingalert.org/en)   * Main functions and interactive exercise |  |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee – Tea* |  |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **Reacting to an incoming notification**   * Group activity to identify challenges and best practices |  |
| 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 |  |
| 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) |  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Closing**   * Self-assessment * Workshop evaluation * Closing remarks (*JVI and WTO*) |  |

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