WTO Seminar on the

Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)

draft Programme

**[Add venue]**

Chinese Taipei

6 – 8 December 2023

**Structure and Objective**

This SPS Seminar aims to build Chinese Taipei's capacity to implement and fulfil its obligations under the WTO SPS Agreement. It will include presentations, interactive activities and discussion aimed at strengthening Chinese Taipei's understanding of the basic principles of the SPS Agreement, the functions and current topics of the SPS Committee, as well as WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement. In addition, participants will learn how to access information on SPS notifications, specific trade concerns and more, on the ePing SPS&TBT Platform.

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**Day 1: Wednesday, 6 December 2023**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Delivered by** |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration of participants** |  |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **1.1 Opening Ceremony**   * Welcome and opening remarks | *WTO resource person*  *Representative from Chinese Taipei* |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | **1.2 Overview and Objectives**   * Introductions * Structure and objective of the workshop * Self-assessment quiz | *WTO resource person* |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | **1.3 Introduction to the WTO and Non-Tariff Measures**   * Introduction to WTO and background on NTMs | *WTO resource person* |
| **10:45 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **1.4 The SPS Agreement – Basic Principles**   * Interactive exercise on the SPS Agreement | *WTO resource person* |
| **12:30 – 14:00** | **Lunch Break** |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **1.5 Implementation of the SPS Agreement – Chinese Taipei's experience**   * Sharing of experience in implementing the SPS Agreement | *Chinese Taipei (TBC)* |
| **15:30 – 15:45** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **1.6 The SPS Committee: Overview**   * Role and functions | *WTO resource person* |

**Day 2: Thursday, 7 December 2023**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Delivered by** |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | **2.1 The SPS Committee: Overview**   * Current issues | *WTO resource person* |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | **2.2 Group activity – participation in the SPS Committee**   * Group activity on participation in the SPS Committee | *WTO resource person* |
| **10:45 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **2.3 Chinese Taipei's engagement in the work of the SPS Committee**   * Panel discussion/presentation | *Chinese Taipei (TBC)* |
| **12:30 - 14:00** | **Lunch Break** |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **2.4 Transparency in the SPS Agreement**   * SPS transparency provisions | *WTO resource person* |
| **15:30 – 15:45** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **2.5 Accessing SPS information**   * Demonstration of search and outreach functionalities of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform * Interactive exercises and training on the ePing SPS&TBT Platform | *WTO resource person* |

**Day 3: Friday, 8 December 2023**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Delivered by** |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **3.1 Debrief of Days 1 and 2**   * Interactive activity with participants | *WTO resource person* |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | **3.2 Introduction to WTO Dispute Settlement**   * Overview of WTO dispute settlement procedures | *WTO resource person* |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | **3.3 WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement**   * Interactive exercise * Overview of WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement | *WTO resource person* |
| **10:45 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **3.3 WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement**   * Interactive exercise * Overview of WTO disputes related to the SPS Agreement | *WTO resource person* |
| **12:30 - 14:00** | **Lunch Break** |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **3.4 Looking ahead, what next?**   * Interactive session: Key takeaways and final Q&A * Self-assessment quiz responses | *WTO resource person* |
| **15:30 – 15:45** | **Coffee Break** |  |
| 15:45 – 17:00 | **3.5 Closing session**   * Evaluation * Closing Remarks | *WTO resource person*  *Representative, Chinese Taipei* |

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