

**WTO AGRICULTURE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

**Food Supply Chains and the WTO Rules**

**SINGAPORE, 12-15 APRIL 2021**

**Draft programme**

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| **Monday 12 April 2021** |  |
|  |  **Session** | **Speakers** |
|  | Opening Session | […]  |
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|  9:00 – 11:00(Geneva time) | Multilateral disciplines in the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)* What is allowed, what is not
* Encouraging domestic production – what do the rules say ?

Mending the broken supply chains – COVID19 example* Policy measures put in place and their interaction with the AoA rules
* Export restrictions, World Food Programme and the global Food Security
 | U. Kask, WTO |
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| **Tuesday 13 April 2021** |
| 9:00 – 11:00(Geneva time) | Public stockholding and the WTO disciplines * Where do we stand? - overview of the current rules and situation
* The Bali Ministerial Decision – the Interim Solution and its key provisions (e.g. transparency and safeguards)

Agricultural negotiations: towards MC12* Aiming at facilitating the movement of food and enhancing transparency – overview of proposals and ideas on the negotiating table
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| **Wednesday 14 April 2021** |
| 9:00 – 11:00(Geneva time) | Overview of the SPS Agreement * Importance of SPS measures (NTMs) in food supply chains
* STDF Video, Cocoa: a sweet value chain
* Key principles of the SPS Agreement
* Current SPS issues, e.g. approval procedures; new technologies, including GM products and gene editing; challenges related to COVID‑19; digital opportunities in the SPS area (e‑certification), etc.
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| **Thursday 15 April 2021** |
| 9:00 – 11:00(Geneva time) | Zooming-in: food supply chains and SPS, TBT, and trade facilitation * STDF Video, Safe Trade Solutions
* Roundtable discussion with SPS, TBT, and trade facilitation experts – e.g. perishable goods, single window, COVID-19, digital tools to facilitate trade, etc.
* Q&A session
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