

How to prepare and react to SPS notifications & Introduction to the Notifications Submission System (NSS)

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Why Transparency?



- Enhanced clarity, predictability
- Affects market access





Transparency elements

Obligations

- Notification of draft SPS regulations
- Designation of notification authority
- Publication of SPS regulations
- Establishment of enquiry point

Beyond obligations

- Taking advantage of notifications



Participating Members Transparency Status



WTO Member	Has Notified SPS:		Has Notified SPS Measures
	Enquiry Point	National Notification Authority*	
Antigua and Barbuda	X	X	X
Barbados	X	X	X
Belize	X	X	X
Dominica	X	X	
Grenada	X	X	
Guyana	X	X	
Haiti	X	X	
Jamaica	X	X	X
Saint Lucia	X	X	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X	X	X
Suriname	X	X	
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	X





National Notification Authority & Enquiry Point (s)





Antigua and Barbuda

National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point

Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Marine Resources and Agro-Industry
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WebSite:



Bahamas



National Notification Authority & Enquiry Point



Barbados



National Notification Authority

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St. Michael
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Barbados

Enquiry Point

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Grenada



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Guyana



Enquiry Points

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Haiti

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WebSite:





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National Notification Authorities Enquiry Points



Keeping track of notifications submitted
by other members which might affect
their countries ?



Practical Exercise



How to react to incoming notifications?





Symbol	Type	Distribution	Members	Products	Regions or countries likely to be affected
G/SPS/N/ECU/83	R	15/03/2010	Ecuador	Plant products with foliage: Ornamental palms, areca palms, date palms, coconut palms, banana trees, ginger (Zingiberaceae), heliconias (Heliconiaceae), bird of paradise (Strelitziaceae), screw pine (Pandanaeae), and other ornamental aroids and Musaceae.	26 countries (Dominica, Saint Lucia, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago)
G/SPS/N/KOR/313	E	12/02/2009	Korea	Dried persimmon fruit	Asia , North America South America (French Guinea, Guyana, Suriname), Oceania
G/SPS/N/KOR/339	E	07/08/2009	Korea	Plants for planting including nursery stocks, scions and cuttings, etc. (excluding seeds) in the family Rutaceae, Cuscuta spp and Artocarpus heterophyllus	Mexico (Yucatan), Belize , Cuba, Dominican Republic
G/SPS/N/USA/1962	E	23/10/2009	United States	Prohibited Plant Genera (Rutaceae): Aeglopsis, Atalantia, Balsamocitrus, Bergera, Calodendrum, Citrofortunella, Citroncirus, Citrus, Clausena, Fortunella, Limonia, Microcitrus, Murraya, Poncirus, Severinia, Swinglea, Toddalia, and Triphasia	Belize

What if notified measure will have an impact on my exports?



- Ask for text of proposed regulation
- Provide comments - Ask for explanation
- Bilateral / regional efforts
- Raise issue in the SPS Committee
- Use good offices of the Chair
- OIE/IPPC mediation procedures
- Initiate dispute settlement procedures

Practical exercise



How to notify ?

SPS Notification Submission System SPS NSS



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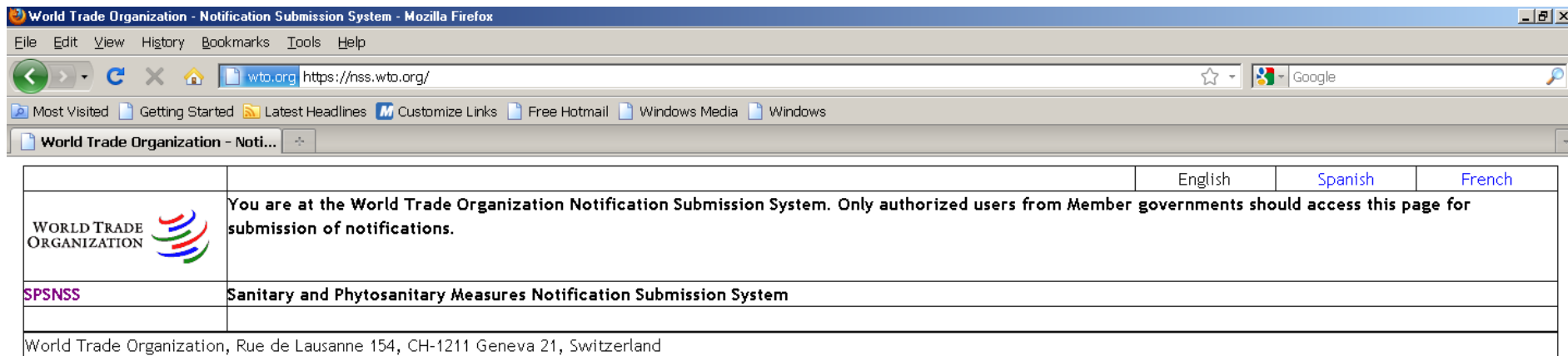
Pilot Group

Member	Date	
European Union	24/03/2011	✓
Netherlands	24/03/2011	✓
United States	12/04/2011	✓
Costa Rica	12/05/2011	✓
Canada	12/05/2011	
New Zealand	12/05/2011	✓
Belize	13/05/2011	✓

Who's using the NSS?

18 Members have been given access

	Regular	Emergency	Modification
Belize	5		
Chile	1	2	3
Costa Rica			2
EU	11	2	7
Netherlands	1		
Morocco	2		
New Zealand	8		5
United States	9		



Notification Submission System

<https://nss.wto.org>

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1255033	Request for resubmission	Corrigendum to Emergency Notification	CRN NZLSPSNSS01	23/03/2011 14:59:51 23/03/2011 12:23:36	Please indicate parent symbol
1254700	In process	Regular notification			
1254682	In process	Recognition of Equivalence			
1254678	In process	Availability of translations (Supplement)			
1254664	In process	Emergency notification			

Explanation

You are at the SPS Notification Submission System (NSS). Only authorized users from Member governments should access this page and create notifications.

The table above on the homepage shows the status of your recently submitted notifications through the NSS. If you haven't finished completing a notification (i.e. status appears as: In process), please click on the corresponding ID to continue entering data. Any notification that requires resubmission will be shown at the top of this table with its status appearing as "Request for resubmission". Any notification that has been successfully completed, processed by the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN) and circulated to all other Members will no longer appear in this summary table.

If you wish to create a new notification, please click on the "Create new notification" option on the left-hand side menu bar. The following pages will contain detailed instructions on how to enter data. If you submit a notification through the SPS NSS, please refrain from submitting this information through other means (such as emailing this notification to CRN).

If you wish to search for notifications that you have previously submitted, please click on the the "Search notifications" on the left-hand side menu bar.

Please go to the public SPS Information Management System (<http://spsims.wto.org>) if you wish to track information on SPS measures that Member governments have notified to the WTO, specific trade concerns raised in the SPS Committee, SPS-related documents circulated at the WTO, Member governments' SPS Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities, and the membership of the WTO, Codex, IPPC, and the OIE.

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Creation of a notification

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Recognition of Equivalence

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Explanation

Select the type of notification. The SPS Committee's Recommendation on notification formats that should be used for notifications in accordance with paragraph 5 of Annex B of the SPS Agreement whereas the form for **emergency** notifications should be used for those falling under paragraph 6 of Annex B of the SPS Agreement. Members can provide complementary information pertaining to an original regular or emergency notification in three different formats (for further details, please see paras. 35-42 of G/SPS/7/Rev.3):

An **addendum** is used to provide additional information or changes to an original notification.

A **corrigendum** is used to correct an error in an original notification such as an incorrect address detail.

A **revision** is used to replace an existing notification. In order to create a revision, please select regular or emergency notifications under the dropdown menu. The option to create a revision will appear in Tab 0.

Members can share an unofficial translation of a document relating to a previously circulated notification by using the **transparency supplement** format.

In accordance with the Decision on Equivalence (G/SPS/19/Rev.2), a Member which has made a determination recognizing the equivalence of SPS measures of another Member shall submit a notification identifying these (by using the **recognition of equivalence** format).

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Communication between Member and CRN

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Please take note of the document ID in red which is the unique identifier for this record.
Is this a revision? If yes, please check the box and enter the original document symbol (G/SPS/N/...).
Revisions replace an existing notification. They should be submitted, for example, if a notified draft regulation was substantially redrafted or if a notification contained a large number of errors.
If this is NOT a revision, click on Next.
The information regarding the document ID, document symbol, status, serial number and the various dates is managed by the WTO Secretariat.
Below the various dates you will find the section "Communication table between Member and the Central Registry of Notifications (CRN)". After completing the data entry in all of the tabs and submitting the notification, you will be redirected back to this page (Tab 0) where you will be able to see information filled out in this section. This information will serve as a confirmation of receipt.

Additional features when entering data:

Please note that information contained in the notification should be as complete as possible and no section should be left blank.
By default the interface language of the Notification Submission System, indicated by the underlined language on the top of the page, decides in which language you will be inputting data (i.e. Country name, HS Codes, etc.). This language input setting can nevertheless be changed by using the dropdown menu named "Document language". The "Original language" checkboxes also automatically default to the interface language but more than one can be checked if you are entering data in multiple languages (note: checking multiple languages is not applicable for the majority of Members). These checkboxes indicate the language in which the original document is submitted in. This "Original language" appears in the official Word formatted notification in the top right corner under the symbol and date of distribution.
At every stage of the online submission process, it is possible to view a draft of the notification in Word format. For this feature, click on the "View draft document" on the top right

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Agency responsible

Explanation

Agency Responsible

Enter the name of the body elaborating the proposal for or promulgating a sanitary or phytosanitary regulation.

Examples: Ministry or Department of:

Health

Fisheries

Agriculture

Forestry

Environment

Tab 14

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Explanation Contact information of the user submitting the notification Please indicate a phone number and/or email of the user submitting the notification in order for the WTO Secretariat to contact you in case of any queries. Any further comments can also be included in this section before the notification is submitted to the WTO's Central Registry of Notifications (CRN). Once you have clicked on the submit button the system will take you to Tab 0 and will reflect the latest status of the notification and any communication that you have included in this Tab. The information in the communication table on Tab 0 serves as a confirmation of receipt. If you submit a notification via the Notification Submission System (NSS), please refrain from submitting this information through other means (such as emailing the notification to CRN). To consult this notification at a later stage please take note of the Document ID (Ex: 123456) and/or use the search facility on the menu.														

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More useful tools...

- Mentoring
- Step-by-step Manual
- Transparency Workshops, Geneva (One every two years)

