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Date 10.05.2023

Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture

Secretary
Ministry of Health

Attn:
Director General/ Food Control & Administration Unit
Director General / Department of Animal Quarantine
Director/ National Plant Quarantine Service



Secretary
Ministry of Health

Advance Course on Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) in the World Trade Organization (WTO)

The Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is organizing an Advanced Course on Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) from **9-16 October 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland**. The course aims to deepen the knowledge and understanding of the WTO-SPS Agreement with new advancements on the topic.

2. This course is targeted at officers who hold direct responsibilities in SPS areas such as specialists in food safety, animal health, plant protection, officials in charge of coordinating SPS matters in international trade etc.

3. Link to access the online application form and other details are attached herewith:

4. After filling the online application, please send us the name, designation, contact details (Email ID & Mobile No.) with a clear copy of the passport of the nominee of your respective organization **on or before 17 May 2023** for onward submission.

Ameena Mohin
Director of Commerce
for Director General of Commerce



WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2023

The WTO Secretariat plans to organize a number of specific technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2023. These activities are as follows:

- **E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement** (<https://www.learning.wto.org>)
 - E-Learning course in English, French and Spanish available throughout the year.
- **National SPS Seminars**
 - Upon request by any WTO Member or Observer submitting a request for a WTO National SPS Seminar through the Technical Assistance Management System:
<https://tams.wto.org>.
- **Regional SPS Workshops**
 - Regional SPS workshops will be held upon request from regional organizations.
 - To submit a request: Regional organizations (or a Member in conjunction with a regional organization) must submit an official letter indicating the purpose and expected outcome of the workshop, their expected contribution and the proposed dates. This formal request should be addressed to the Director of the Institute for Training and Technical Co-operation (ITTC) and sent by e-mail to: ittcregionaldesk@wto.org.
 - Programmes, pre-requisites and selection criteria will be defined for each requested activity.
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus** (in English)
 - In Vienna, Austria: Week of 17 July 2023.
 - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Afghanistan; Albania; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Georgia; Iran; Israel; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Montenegro; North Macedonia; Serbia; Tajikistan; Türkiye; Turkmenistan; Ukraine; Uzbekistan.
 - Pre-requisite: priority may be given to candidates that have successfully completed the [WTO e-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement](#) by the time of their application.
 - Deadline for applications: **19 May 2023**
 - Application form: <https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.com/forms/2023-wto-sps-technical-assistance-application-form>
- **2023 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement** (in English)
 - In Geneva, Switzerland: Weeks of 9 and 16 October 2023.
 - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries.
 - Pre-requisite: successful completion of the [WTO e-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement](#).
 - Deadline for applications: **19 May 2023**
 - Application form: <https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.com/forms/2023-wto-sps-technical-assistance-application-form>

For more information on 2023 SPS technical assistance activities, please consult document [G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.13](#), and the SPS Technical Assistance gateway at: <http://www.wto.org/sp/ta>.