

CHAPTER FIVE

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Article 5.1: Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are to minimise the negative effects of sanitary and phytosanitary measures on trade while protecting human, animal and plant life or health in the territory of each Party and enhance the implementation of the SPS Agreement.

Article 5.2: Scope

This Chapter applies to all sanitary and phytosanitary measures that may, directly

3. The objectives of the Committee are to enhance each Party's implementation of the SPS Agreement while respecting each other's rights to adopt measures to protect human, animal or plant life or health, enhance cooperation and consultation on sanitary and phytosanitary matters, and minimise negative effects on trade between the Parties.

4. Each Party shall ensure the participation, as appropriate, of representatives with responsibility for the development, implementation, and enforcement of sanitary and phytosanitary measures from its relevant government authorities in the Committee meetings.

5. Recognising that the management of sanitary and phytosanitary matters must rely on science and risk-based assessment and is best achieved through bilateral cooperation and consultation, the Committee shall seek to enhance present or future relationships between the Parties' agencies with responsibility for sanitary and phytosanitary matters. For these purposes, the Committee shall:

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- (f) review progress on addressing sanitary and phytosanitary matters that may arise between the Parties.

6. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Committee shall meet no later than one year following the entry into force of this Agreement. The Committee shall establish its rules of procedure at its initial meeting. Thereafter, the Committee shall meet once a year, unless the Parties otherwise agree.