

## Tentative Programme

### Electronic Exchange of SPS Certificates for Better Trade Control and Facilitation

21-22 October 2015, Wuhan, China

#### Background:

An increasing number of countries have been seeking to replace the traditional paper-based sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) certificates with electronic certificates. There are important benefits in doing so for exporters, importers and regulatory agencies. Electronic SPS (e-SPS) certificates can help reduce fraud and better manage the risks associated with trade in agricultural and food products; lower administrative costs and burden of the regulatory authorities; and speed up clearance of agricultural products at borders. A number of global and regional developments provide further impetus for the exchange of electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates, including the adoption of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the negotiation of a regional arrangement on the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) has also recently issued guidance to facilitate the global exchange of the electronic phytosanitary certificates.

In that context, the objectives of the workshop are:

- To raise awareness amongst policymakers in Asia-Pacific regarding the benefits of exchanging e-SPS certificates;
- To provide an overview of the key regional and global initiatives supporting e-SPS exchange;
- To exchange information and present relevant case studies from countries, which have implemented or in the process of implementing e-SPS certificates;
- To provide guidance and relevant tools to policymakers and practitioners looking to implement in their national contexts.

This workshop is organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian Development Bank. It is implemented with the support of the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT), a community of knowledge dedicated to building governments' capacity to implement paperless systems for trade facilitation and sustainable development. This workshop will take place as a side event of the 7<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum in Wuhan, China.

**Target Participants:** Ministries of Agriculture, Food safety regulatory agencies, Customs,

**Countries:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

Programme: 21 October	
13:30 – 13:45	<p><b>Opening remarks</b> <i>ESCAP, FAO and ADB-GMS</i></p> <p><b>Introduction to Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Programme</li> <li>Brief background on purpose and structure of the workshop</li> <li>Introduction of Speakers and Facilitators</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Maame Agyeben, ESCAP</i></p>

<b>13:45 – 15:45</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Streamlining and automating procedures for Agrifood trade</b>  <i>This session will look at the trade facilitation measures required from streamlining and automating trade procedures for agrifood trade and also assess the prospects for reforming SPS systems. The session will also provide a brief overview of the benefits e-SPS certificates in the context of regional and global frameworks to facilitate safe trade of agricultural products.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Streamlining and automating procedures for Agrifood trade – <i>Mr. Francis Lopez, President InterCommerce Network Services Inc./ UNNExT Expert</i></li> <li>▪ Reforming Sanitary and phytosanitary systems: Challenges and Opportunities – <i>Dr. Kenza Le Mentec, STDF</i></li> <li>▪ Designing Risk-based Import Control and Inspections systems from Agricultural trade – <i>Ms. Shashi Sareen, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i></li> <li>▪ Facilitating agricultural trade through National Single Window – <i>Dr. Somnuk Keretho, UNNExT</i></li> <li>▪ eCert and eBusiness standards for agriculture – <i>Mr. Markus Pikart, UNECE</i></li> </ul> <p>Q&amp; A</p>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Standards and Tools for enabling e-SPS exchange</b>  <i>This session will look at the standards, requirements and tools for the exchange of e-SPS certificates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Guidance from OIE (animal health) – <i>Dr. Tomoko Ishibashi, OIE</i></li> <li>▪ Guidance and requirements from Codex Alimentarius (sanitary certificates) – <i>Ms. Shashi Sareen, FAO</i></li> <li>▪ Guidance from IPPC (phytosanitary certificates) and ePhyto – <i>(tbc)</i></li> </ul>

<b>Programme: 22 October</b>	
<b>09:00 – 10:45</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Country Case studies on e-SPS certificate exchange</b>  <i>This session will share country case studies and initiatives on the exchange of e-SPS certificates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Electronic certification – <i>Australia</i></li> <li>▪ e-Certification system – <i>Mr. Benno Slot, Senior Responsible Officer eCertNL, Netherlands</i></li> <li>▪ Electronic SPS exchange in the Philippines – <i>Mr. Francis Lopez, President InterCommerce Network Services Inc./UNNExT Expert</i></li> <li>▪ E-Cert, China – <i>Ms. Lin Jing, Director, Department of Inspection and Quarantine Clearance, Tianjin Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, China/ UNNExT Expert</i></li> <li>▪ E-cert and electronic phytosanitary certificate issuance – <i>Mr. Yusof Othman, Director, Crop Protection and Plant Quarantine, Malaysia</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session 3 (continued): Country Case studies on e-SPS certificate exchange</b>
<b>12:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Group Work: Moving towards e-SPS certificates</b>  <i>During this interactive session the participants will be split into small discussion groups by country and assess the prospects, challenges and next steps for moving towards e-SPS exchange.</i></p>

	<i>Guidance for the assessment will be provided.</i>
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Group discussion reporting</b> <i>Each group will elect a group rapporteur to report back in the plenary session on the country assessment of e-SPS prospects.</i>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 6: Support from international organizations in e-SPS implementation</b> <i>During this session international and regional organizations will provide an overview the available support for countries seeking to implement e-SPS exchange.</i>  <b>Panel Q &amp; A</b>
<b>17:00 - 17:30</b>	<b>Closing of workshop</b>

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