

CHAPTER FIVE

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Article 5.1: Definitions

The definitions in Annex A of the *SPS Agreement* are incorporated into and made part of this Chapter, *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 5.2: Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are to protect human, animal, and plant life or health while facilitating trade, to enhance cooperation, communication, and transparency between the Parties, and to ensure that the Parties' sanitary and phytosanitary measures are science-based and do not create unjustified barriers to trade.

Article 5.3: Scope

This Chapter shall apply to all sanitary and phytosanitary measures of each Party that may, directly or indirectly, affect trade between the Parties.

Article 5.4: General Provisions

1. The Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations under the *SPS Agreement*.
2. Both Parties shall exchange information of mutual interest, enhance cooperation and, upon request, consultation on sanitary and phytosanitary matters through contact points.
3. Neither Party shall have recourse to Chapter Fifteen (Dispute Settlement) under this Agreement for any matter arising under this Chapter.

Article 5.5: Contact Points and Competent Authorities

1. Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, each Party shall designate a Contact Point or Contact Points to facilitate communication on matters covered by this chapter and promptly notify the other Party no later than 30 days after the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, each Party shall designate a competent Authority for the purposes of implementing this Chapter and promptly notify the other Party no later than 30 days after the entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Each Party shall keep the information on Contact Points and Competent Authorities up to date and shall promptly inform the other Party of any change.