



Agency for International Trade
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Kingdom of Cambodia



Ministry of Commerce

National Workshop on the SPS Agreement and Notification Training¹

Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh
29 - 30 July, 2010

Programme

THURSDAY, 29 JULY

OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 – 09.45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Cambodia National Anthem
Introduction – Mrs. Gayatri Kanth, Deputy Executive Director, AITIC
Opening Remarks – HE Mr. Kem Sithan, Secretary of State of Ministry
of Commerce, Cambodia

09.45 – 10.00 Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION I: THE SPS AGREEMENT

10.00 – 10.45 **Introduction and Basic Provisions of the SPS Agreement**
Mr Maghespren Chinappen, Expert, AITIC

10.45 – 11.00 Discussion

11.15 – 12.30 **Implementation of the SPS Agreement**
Mr Maghespren Chinappen, Expert, AITIC

- Standards settings
- Role of IPPC, CODEX, OIE
- Risk Analysis
- Equivalence
- The role of the SPS Committee
- Dispute Settlement mechanism
- Technical assistance

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

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SESSION II: TRANSPARENCY

- 14.00 – 15.00 **Transparency Obligations and Notifications**
Mr Maghespren Chinappen, Expert, AITIC
- Publication and Notification of measures
 - Role of National Notification Authority, Role of Enquiry Points
 - Coordination of SPS activities at national level
- 15.00 – 15.30 Discussion
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15.45 – 16.45 **Transparency Obligations and Notifications (cont'd)**
- The need to review national legislation to meet transparency provision of SPS agreement
 - The need to upgrade laboratory and other testing facilities
 - Regional cooperation
- 16.45 – 17.00 **Discussion**

FRIDAY, 30 JULY

SESSION III: PRACTICAL EXERCISES IN NOTIFICATIONS and RESOURCES

- 09.30 – 10.00 **Transparency Obligations and Notifications
Hands-on Exercises for Offensive Interests**
Mr Maghespren Chinappen, Expert, AITIC
- Exercise on How to Notify
- 10.00 – 10.15 Discussion
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Transparency Obligations and Notifications
Hands-on Exercises for Defensive Interests:**
Mr Maghespren Chinappen, Expert, AITIC
- Exercise on how to react to incoming notifications
- 10.45 – 11.00 Discussion
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11.15 – 12.00 **SPS Online Resources**
- SPSIMS
 - WTO Documents online
 - IPSAPH
- 12.00 – 12.45 **Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)**
- Introduction and main points
 - Information source
 - SPS-related evaluation tools
 - Project development and funding
- 12.45 – 13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch Break

SESSION IV:	LOOKING FORWARD
14.00 – 15.00	Road Map for Full SPS participation in Cambodia <i>Mr Maghespren Chinappen</i>
15.00 - 15.45	Discussion on Cambodia’s Experiences with SPS issues <i>Cambodian Participants (Officials of Cambodia) to speak on challenges and successes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Food Safety Issue</i>• <i>Animal Health Issue</i>• <i>Plant Health and Protection Issue</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee/Tea Break
16.00 – 16.30	The Way Forward and Summary of Key Points <i>Mr Maghespren Chinappen</i>
16.30 – 17.00	Closing and Seminar Evaluation Mrs. Gayatri Kanth, Deputy Executive Director, AITIC HE Dr Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce