

Chapter VII: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Article VII.01 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

1. The Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations under the *WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures*.

2. Each Party shall, as far as possible:

- (a) facilitate the provision to the other Party of technical advice, information and assistance, on mutually agreed terms and conditions, to enhance the Party's Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and related activities, processes and systems;
- (b) extend the assistance mentioned in subparagraph a), *inter alia*, in the areas of:
 - (i) processing technologies;
 - (ii) exchange of information on new research data;
 - (iii) infrastructure;
 - (iv) institutional and regulatory co-operation;
 - (v) harmonization;
 - (vi) mutual recognition and equivalence agreements;
 - (vii) risk assessment;
 - (viii) transparency;
 - (ix) recognition of pest or disease free areas;
 - (x) control, inspection and approval procedures;
 - (xi) identification, consultation and resolution of SPS-related problems;
 - (xii) technical expertise; and
 - (xiii) training and equipment.