

STDF Seminar on Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Certification

Tuesday, 28 June 2016
ROOM W-WTO

FINAL PROGRAMME

9:00-10:00 Registration for non-badge holders

9:30-10:00: Welcome coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcome, opening remarks and objectives of the Seminar

Opening remarks, *David Shark, DDG, WTO*

Objectives of the Seminar, *Melvin Spreij, STDF Secretary*

10:15-13:00 Moderator: [Sue Probert](#), UN/CEFACT

10:15-10:30 Electronic certification in the context of agricultural trade, [Jonathan Tat Tsen Koh](#), *CrimsonLogic*

A short introduction will be made to set the stage for the topic of electronic SPS certification by providing an overview of the import-export business processes for agricultural products and introducing the advantages of electronic certification and paperless trade in general.

10:30-12:30 The state of play of international standard-setting in the area of electronic certification

This session will present the work of international SPS standard-setting bodies (the Codex Alimentarius, the International Plant Protection Convention "IPPC" and the World Organisation for Animal Health "OIE") in the area of issuance and exchange of animal health, food safety and plant health certificates and identify possible gaps. It will also present relevant international standards used for electronic exchange in trade.

IPPC's standards governing electronic phytosanitary certification: recent developments, [Craig Fedchock/Shane Sela](#), *International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)*

Update on the work of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) in the area of paperless certification, [Erik Bosker](#), *CCFICS WG on paperless trade*

OIE's standards governing electric veterinary certification, [Tomoko Ishibashi](#), *OIE*

Standards of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) to simplify and automate agriculture trade, [Markus Pikart](#), *UNECE*

Use of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Data Model in the area of electronic certificate(s), [Tejo Kusuma](#), *WCO*

12:30-12:40 Summary of the linkages between electronic SPS certification and other trade procedures, [Jonathan Tat Tsen Koh](#), *CrimsonLogic*

This session will build on the presentations to highlight the linkages between electronic SPS certification and other relevant processes. It will also highlight other relevant ongoing initiatives that may affect and/or inspire developments in the area of electronic certification such as e-CITES, Track and Trace, e-transit, e-commerce, Single Window, etc.

12:40-13:00 Open discussion

13.00-15:00 Lunch Break

13:45-15:00: Business Dialogue side-session organized by the IPPC
(Please see concept note and programme [here](#))

15:00–16:30 Moderator: [Barbara Cooper](#), *CCFICS WG on paperless trade*

15:00–16:30 Country experiences with implementation of electronic certification: successes and challenges

This session will aim to highlight good practices in moving towards electronic certification focussing on required steps during pre-implementation stages such as regulatory aspects and business process reengineering. Through case stories in developed and developing countries, the session will also discuss the challenges met and capacity building needs of developing countries to gradually move towards paperless trade.

Lessons learned from implementation of electronic phytosanitary certification in Kenya, [Josiah Syanda](#), *Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate service (KEPHIS)*

Philippines' experience in the implementation of electronic certification to facilitate quarantine clearance for animal products, [Francis Norman Lopez](#), *InterCommerce, Pan Asian eCommerce Alliance*

The Netherland's Client System: lessons learned from exchange electronic SPS certificates with developing countries, *Benno Slot, Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety (NVWA)*

16:00–16:30 Open discussion

16:30–18:00 Moderator: [Melvin Spreij](#), *STDF*

16:30–17:30 Existing global and regional initiatives to support implementation of electronic SPS certification

This session will provide examples of capacity building initiatives and regional frameworks aiming to facilitate implementation of paperless trade mainly in developing countries. Presentations will emphasize challenges in implementation, proposed solutions and lessons learned.

Initiatives in the Asia-Pacific Region to support implementation of paperless trade (UNNExT and other initiatives),
[Maame Agyeben](#), *United Nations ESCAP*

From Customs automation to electronic phytosanitary certificates: UNCTAD's experience, [John David](#), *UNCTAD*

TRAdE Control and Expert System (TRACES) of the European Union: the path towards authentic electronic certificates using qualified electronic seals and signatures, [Didier Carton](#), *Directorate General for Health and Food Safety at the European Commission*

17:30-17:45 Open discussion

17:45-18:00 Closing remarks

This session will summarize lessons learned from country experiences and highlight good practice and possible avenues for future work.

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