

Tentative Programme

APTFF Capacity Building Workshop on Facilitating Trade of Agricultural Products in the Context of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

7 September 2017

Background:

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Article 7.9 calls for Member States to provide for the release of perishable good in the shortest time possible provided that all the regulatory requirements are met, in order to avoid loss and deterioration of the perishable goods. The perishable nature (temperature and time-sensitive) of agricultural products requires additional requirements and strategies to ensure that trade in these products facilitated efficiently and effectively. This workshop will also outlines some measures required before the border including enhancing supply chain and logistics; building SPS capacity and meeting food safety and quality requirements for cross-border trade. Innovative practices through streamlining procedures and the implementation of automation and electronic certification also pose potential to facilitate the clearance and release of goods in the shortest time possible. Therefore, this workshop seeks to provide showcase some innovative strategies and case studies for facilitating trade in agricultural products in the context implementing provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Target participants:

Day 1: Programme	
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Opening remarks Introduction to Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of Programme ▪ Brief background on purpose and structure of the workshop ▪ Introduction of Speakers and Facilitators <p><i>Ms. Maame Agyeben, ESCAP</i></p>
09:15 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: Facilitating Cross-border Trade of Perishable Goods</p> <p><i>Facilitating perishable goods in the context of the WTO TFA: Key considerations</i> <i>- Ms. Dolores Halloran, WTO</i></p> <p><i>Innovative customs measures and practices to the enhance in inspection and release of perishable goods</i> <i>- Mr. Luc De Blieck, WCO</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea and Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Digital innovations for inspection and regulatory procedures of

	<p>perishable goods</p> <p>Prospects and challenges implementing automated systems and e-SPS systems for cross-border agrifood trade - <i>Mr. Francis Lopez, UNNEXT Expert</i></p> <p>National experience of facilitating clearance of agriculture products in Indonesia - <i>Dr. Arifin Tasrif, Director, Indonesia Quarantine Agricultural Quarantine Agency (IAQA)</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session 3: Strategies for Food Safety and SPS Compliance for Cross-border Agri-food Trade</p> <p>Facilitating Compliance to Food Safety and Food Quality for Cross-Border Agri-food Trade - <i>Ms. Shashi Sareen, Consultant and Food Safety and Quality Advisor</i></p> <p>Strategies and measures for enhancing SPS capacity for cross-border trade - <i>Ms. Marylynne Hopper, STDF</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Tea and Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 4: National and regional case studies measures to facilitate trade in perishable goods</p> <p>Case Study on Cambodian Fresh Mango Export to Korea - <i>Mr. Lon Vanny, Deputy Chief of Bureau of The Agricultural Product Quality and Safety Improvement, GDA, Cambodia</i></p> <p>Innovations and strategies for improving supply chains for cross-border trade of perishable goods - <i>Prof. Kuncoro Harto Widodo, Gadjah Mada University, Center for Transportation and Logistics Studies, Indonesia</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Round-table discussion on way forward