

National Procedure of Notifications

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SPS Notification Authority/ SPS Enquiry Point

Codex Contact Point

Ministry of Health

Sri Lanka



SPS Agreement

- **National Obligations**
 - **Notify our SPS measures to other nations**
 - **SPS notification authority**
 - **SPS enquiry points**

Sri Lanka has a SPS Notification Authority And three SPS Enquiry Points

Ministry of Health

- SPS Notification Authority
- SPS Enquiry Point

Responsible for Food Safety
And responsible for preparing
Notifying WTO/ SPS
Notifications to WTO Geneva

National Plant Quarantine Service

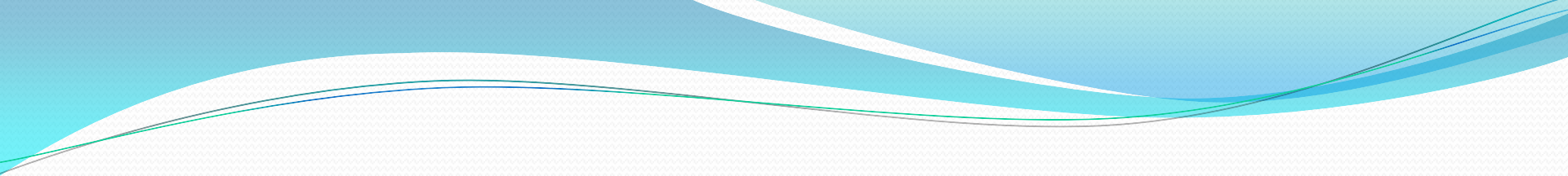
- SPS Enquiry Point

Responsible for Plant Health

Department of Animal Production & Health

- SPS Enquiry Point

Responsible for Animal
Health



**According to the Transparency
Provisions
(Article 7 and Annex B)
of the SPS Agreement
all the SPS Notifications are
made, published and notified to
WTO.**

Article 7

Transparency

- Members Shall notify changes in their sanitary or phytosanitary measures and shall provide information on their sanitary or phytosanitary measures in accordance with the provisions of Annex B

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- Regulations Received in the Draft stage are notified to WTO Secretariat in Geneva.

- **Most of the SPS measures are come under the Food Act No. 26 of 1980.**

Under the food act minister in charge has power to make regulations in consultations of Food Advisory Committee. (FAC)

Regulation formulation subcommittee (RFS) is established & make recommendations to FAC, forwarded draft regulations as notifications to WTO.

Sri Lanka has made 37 notifications (on new SPS measures) including three Emergency notifications to the SPS Committee covering GM Foods, Iodized salt, Bottled or packaged drinking water, Irradiated foods, Food colouring substances , Food Vinegar standards, Plant Protection act, Food Packaging Materials & Articles , Meat & Meat Products, Tea, Coffee, & Cocoa, and their products, shelf life of imported food items, Melamine in food products, Food bread standards,etc.

Emergency notifications

1. G/SPS/N/LKA/4 - Bird Flu
2. G/SPS/N/LKA/35 - DCD in Milk Powder

WTO/ SPS Notifications received from Geneva

(other countries notifications)



Distributed

(relevant government Institutions)

National Plant Quarantine service

Sri Lanka Tea board

Dept. of Animal Production & Health

Food Control Administration unit

Dept. of Agriculture

Coconut Development Authority

Registrar of Pesticide

Dept. of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Sri Lanka Export Development Board



SPS notification Authority / SPS Enquiry Point received notifications (documents) from WTO Secretariat and send them to relevant government bodies and queries will answered.



Thank you