

Issues & Challenges in fulfilling TBT/SPS requirements

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TBT Issues

- According to MED, (TBT enquiry point) few notifications were received each year, but all of them were queries/ clarifications. (cannot be considered as TBT issues).

SPS issues

- Export of Fish fishery products – few alerts recorded in EU RASFF, due to high histamine of chilled tuna products, but all cases were due to bad handling within the country of destination.
- Phytosanitary certificate – has issues (from delegated authorities of some countries).
- Phytosanitary certificate – suspicious about their authenticity.
- Plants with pest & diseases – even which has endorsed Phytosanitary certificates.

Issues/ importing live animals

- It is obligatory to issue an import permit, unless MOFA finds any disease from the exporting country.
- Diseases in importing countries is verified from OIE website.
- Sometimes info is not available for small countries or not updated.

Issues / Importing live animals

- Exporting country does not issue a proper Vet. Health Certificate, from the assigned organization.
- It is difficult to verify the authenticity of the certificate issued.
- Fresh water fish and other aquatic animals were imported, without proper Vet. Health Certificates.

Practical Challenges

- MOFA Plant & Animal Quarantine Services , is not capable of checking all the suspicious diseases interested.
- Depend on the reports issued by the exporting countries, clinical examination of the animals and two types of rapid test kits.
- Difficulties in dispatching the samples to abroad reference laboratories.
- The airlines and the courier firms are reluctant or not even accepting biological samples.

Practical Challenges

- Lack of co-ordination among aviation and PAQS of MOFA.
- High level of mortality rate, was observed during transportation, due to long travel time or transit time.
- No proper place to do the post quarantine for goats.
- No proper place to do the quarantine of aquatic animals.