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1.1 Text of Article 1

1. This Agreement applies to all sanitary and phytosanitary measures which may, directly or indirectly, affect international trade. Such measures shall be developed and applied in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the definitions provided in Annex A shall apply.

3. The annexes are an integral part of this Agreement.

4. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights of Members under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade with respect to measures not within the scope of this Agreement.

1.2 Article 1.1

1.2.1 Scope of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

1.2.1.1 Private Standards

1. The Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Committee) has been discussing the issue of sanitary-or-phytosanitary-related (SPS-related) private standards since June 2005. The SPS Committee decided in October 2008 to request an working group to undertake a three-step study and to present a report proposing concrete actions for consideration by the SPS Committee at the end of this process.[1]

2. The working group on SPS-related private standards completed its work on identifying "Possible Actions for the SPS Committee Regarding SPS-Related Private Standards" and presented its report to the SPS Com