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## 1 ARTICLE 7 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### 1.1 Text of Article 7

#### *Article 7*

#### *Transparency*

### 1.2 Recommended notification procedures

1. At its meeting of 29-30 March 1995, the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Committee) adopted notification procedures recommended by the informal contact group, subject to certain conditions.<sup>2</sup> At its meeting of 29-30 May 1996, the SPS Committee revised the notification procedures to be followed for notifications required under paragraphs 5 and 6 of Annex B of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement).<sup>3</sup>the notification of the conclusion of equivalence concerned."

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3. At its meeting of 27 October 2004, the SPS Committee adopted a procedure to "Enhance Transparency of Special and Differential Treatment in Favour of Developing Country Members".<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See also the document on Annex B of the SPS Agreement (Practice).

<sup>2</sup> [G/SPS/R/1](#), paras. 8-11. The recommended procedures can be found in document [PC/IPL/6](#).

<sup>3</sup> [G/SPS/R/5](#), para. 16. The revised procedures can be found in document [G/SPS/7](#).

<sup>4</sup> [G/SPS/7/Rev.1](#), preamble. The revised procedures can be found in document [G/SPS/7/Rev.1](#).

<sup>5</sup> [G/SPS/7/Rev.2](#) and [G/SPS/7/Rev.2/Add.1](#).

<sup>6</sup> [G/SPS/7/Rev.3](#).

<sup>7</sup> [G/SPS/7/Rev.4](#) and [G/SPS/7/Rev.5](#).

<sup>8</sup> [G/SPS/19/Rev.2](#).

This procedure provides for an addendum of a notification to be circulated with information regarding the provision of special and differential treatment or technical assistance, and the SPS Committee adopted a format for such addenda.<sup>13</sup> This procedure was revised on 18 December 2009.<sup>14</sup>

**1.3 Recommended procedures for implementing the transparency obligations of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures<sup>15</sup>**

4. At its meeting of 20 June 2008, the SPS Committee adopted the revised Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement (Article 7).<sup>16</sup> In light of the required

