

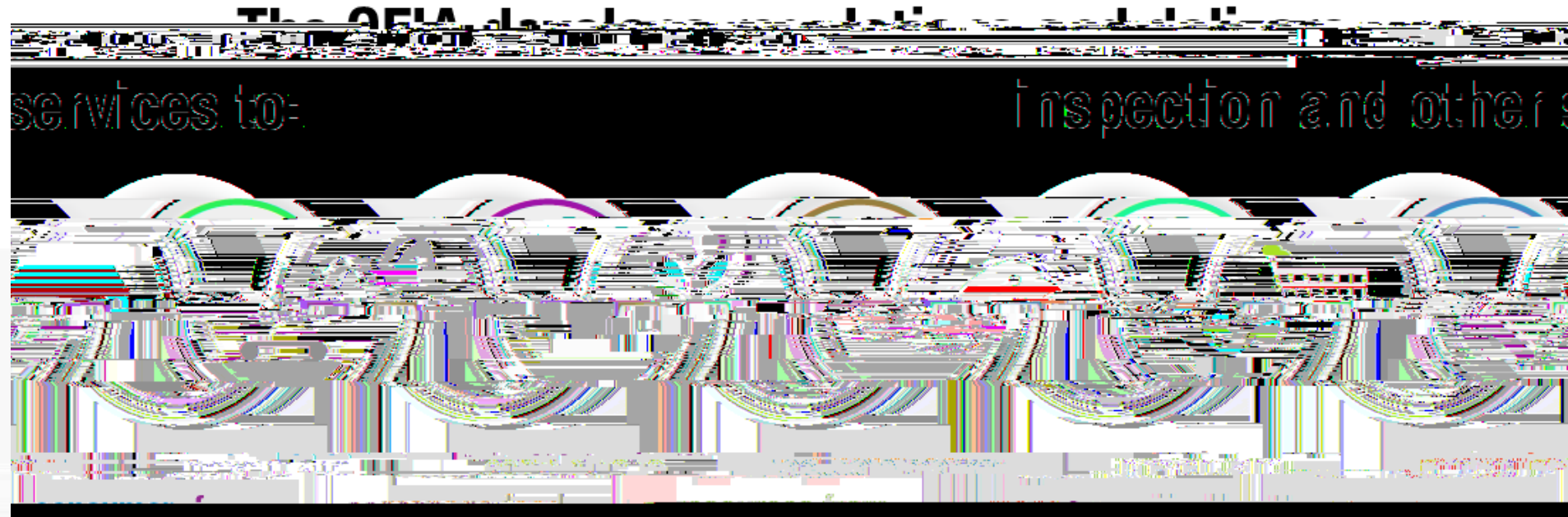


# Purpose

regulations containing elements under both the WTO SPS and TBT Agreements



# The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)



# Considerations when Notifying Regulations

**Food:** food safety and consumer protection

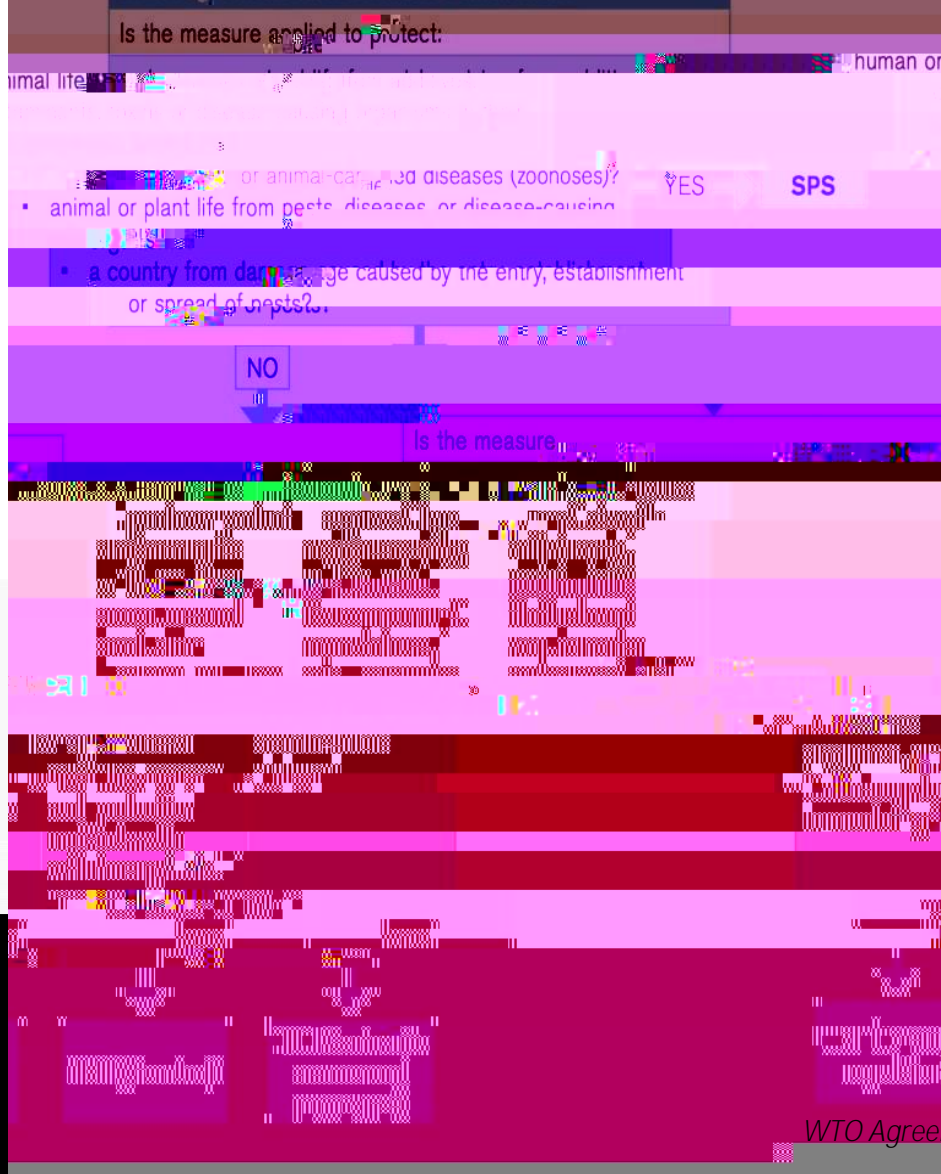
**Plant:** plant health, protection, and technical requirements

**Animal:** animal health, protection and technical requirements

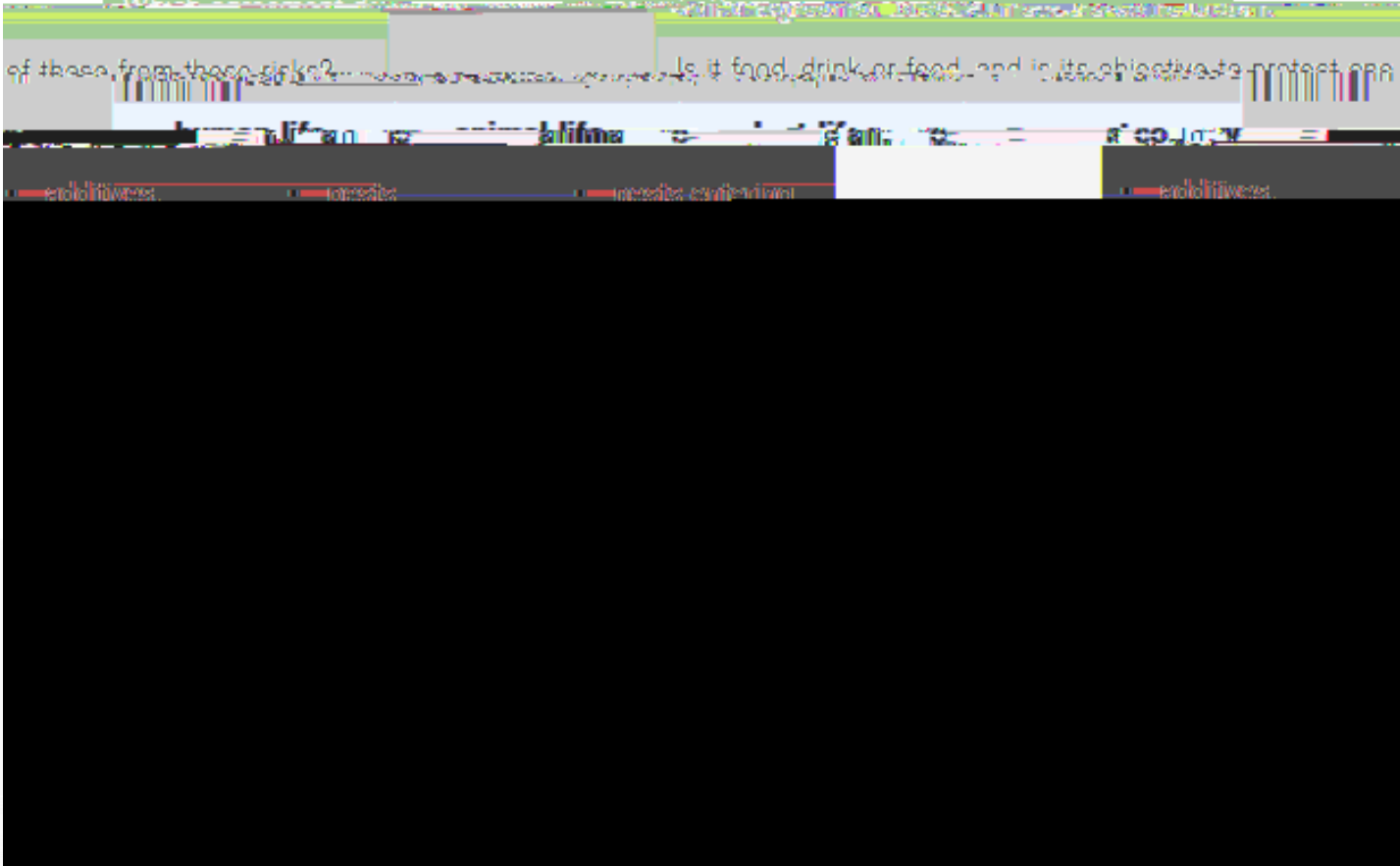
When determining to notify a proposed regulation, the CEIA assesses whether elements in the regulation

Figure 3: TBT or SPS?

Which WTO Agreement does this measure come under?



## Figure 2: SPS or TBT?



# Example: Notification of the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*

The *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* (SFCR) replaced 14 sets of regulations to modernize Canada's food safety system by focusing on prevention through more rigorous risk management and increasing the focus on traceability.

The SFCR applies to:

imported, exported, or inter-provincially traded food



# Example: Notification of the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*

Illustrative summary list of elements within the SFCR:

Preventive controls  
Traceability

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SPS Committee	TBT Committee	Comment
8 July 2013	19 July 2013	
5 June 2014	6 June 2014	
15 July 2014	15 July 2014	
2 June 2015	2 June 2015	
9 July 2015	9 July 2015	
24 January 2017	25 January 2017	
14 June 2018	15 June 2018	10

# Handling of other Member Notifications

Canada regularly monitors the SPS and TBT notifications of Members to review proposed regulatory changes.

Many Members have regulations specific to food, plants, and animal commodities

# Best Practice

Indicate in the notification if the regulation has been notified to another Committee.

For example in the Description of Content Section: This regulation has been notified under the TBT Agreement (G/TBT/N/) and

# Conclusion

Regulations can include both food safety and plant and animal life and health requirements and technical requirements.

Regulation are assessed as to whether elements falls under the WTO SPS Agreement or the TBT Agreement, and notified accordingly.

# Questions?

<https://www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/wto-omc/enquiry.aspx?lang=eng>

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